

# Sunday School Projects 10,000 Increase

## Five Fabulous Sundays Enrollment Campaign Set

Mississippi Baptists hope to enroll more than 10,000 new members in Sunday School during April.

"There are five Sundays in April, and we feel we can accomplish this enrollment gain during these days of simultaneous revival in the state," said Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"We are calling this effort 'Five Fabulous Sundays,' and it is designed as a part of the Good News Mississippi campaign that will be going on all over Mississippi. This is a vital part of Bold Mission Thrust," he added.

### Overall Gain

Actually, the effort is to gain 10,000 in enrollment during the month, so more than 10,000 new members will be needed, Cummings pointed out. "We feel this is an excellent way to supplement and augment the simultaneous revivals," he said.

Cummings said that the Five Fabulous Sundays can help a church to increase attendance, create excitement, prepare spiritually, reach high attendance goals, heighten interest, enroll more people, discover prospects, put people to work, and begin revival.

Letters and brochures concerning the Five Fabulous Sundays for April have been sent to pastors, educational directors, other church staff members, Convention Board members, church Sunday School directors, and associational Sunday School directors.

Four phases of the Five Fabulous Sundays are presented in the brochure. The first is "Prepare for Revival." The Sunday School mem-

bers are urged to pray for the revival, for church growth, for themselves, and for the lost and unenlisted. The suggestions are to use Wednesday night meetings for small group or personal prayer experiences, to have special prayer times in all organizational meetings, set up home prayer meetings during the five weeks, give special emphasis to family and private devotions, and promote daily Bible reading.

Phase No. 2 has to do with attendance, and the suggestions are to set up a high attendance Sunday during the revival or to use the fifth Sunday for high attendance day (thus gaining new people in Bible study) and to use each Sunday to recognize different age divisions.

The third phase is the enrollment aspect. The suggestion is to adopt the "open enrollment" plan by enrolling "anyone, anytime, anyplace, anywhere" as long as he or she agrees to be enrolled.

### Follow-Up Planned

Reporting the new members on a state-wide basis will be done each week in order to give a continuing indication of how the program is progressing. The reports will be carried weekly in the Baptist Record. The plan is for the churches to report their number of new enrollees to the association office, and the state Sunday School department will call each association on Monday by WATS line. The churches will need to report by 10 a.m. Bryant said so that the associations can be contacted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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The Steering Committee for the Good News Mississippi Campaign of simultaneous revivals over the state meets at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is at the far end of

the table. Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, is to his left. They are the co-chairmen for the campaign.

## At Jackson Municipal Auditorium

# March 23 Rally Kicks Off Good News Mississippi

A statewide Baptist evangelistic campaign kicks-off March 23 with a rally at the Municipal Auditorium in Jackson.

The Good News Mississippi Rally leads black and white Baptists in the state into April where hundreds of churches will be holding simultaneous revivals.

The campaign is a joint effort of the white Mississippi Baptist Convention and a number of black National Baptist Conventions. The rally and revivals are the culmination of more than a year of planning by an interracial committee, co-chaired by Earl Kelly, MBC executive secretary, and Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention and pastor of Owens Chapel Baptist Church in Columbia.

Kelly and the black presidents who

are the executive officers of their respective conventions, decided together that they could make an impact on Mississippi by joining together evangelistically. Thus, the rally and revivals came about.

The Good News Mississippi Rally begins at 7 p.m., March 23 at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium with black and white featured speakers — both from Dallas, Tex.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church there will be joined by

Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Missionary Baptist Church as pulpiters for the rally.

Criswell is former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Clark is editor of "The Voice," official publication of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Two music directors, J. M. Wood, of Broadmoor church in Jackson and Calvin Thomas of Mt. Helm Baptist Church will lead a 300-voice integrated choir during the rally.

David Matthews, president of the General Missionary State Convention of Mississippi, will be master of ceremonies.

Organizers believe the rally and subsequent revivals are the first time black and white Baptists in the state have ever been united for an evangelistic campaign. Estimates of Mississippians who do not claim to be Christians, range upward to 950,000.

Approximately \$20,000 has been con-

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## Uganda Missionaries Clear Battle Zone

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda were in Kenya when Tanzania-based invaders reportedly captured Southern Uganda's two major towns in late February.

Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, received a letter indicating

Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll were in Nairobi for mission business. The Carrolls mailed it several days before battles occurred in Masaka and Mbarara.

Other Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Uganda, Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Rice of Virginia, are in language school in Nairobi.

Wire service reports indicated that the fall of Masaka and Mbarara gave forces trying to topple Ugandan President Idi Amin almost total control of Southern Uganda.

The Carrolls, natives of West Virginia and Florida, will wait for future developments before making a decision about returning to Uganda.

## Craft Accepts Nevada Post

Mel Craft, pastor of Tybertown Church for six years, has resigned in order to accept a call to work in



Craft will begin his new work March 15 and his family will join him in Nevada after school is out.

Nevada as Director of Church Services for the Nevada Southern Baptist Convention.

Ernest B. Myers is executive director of the Nevada Convention.

## Good News Mississippi

# 300 Women Meet To Pray

By Anne McWilliams

Well over 300 black and white Baptist women packed the auditorium at Camp Garaywa for a prayer retreat on Saturday, Feb. 24. Roughly two-thirds were National Baptists and the other third Southern Baptists.

One church sent a whole busload. Among the crowd of women were only four or five men. Though the day was cloudy, the threatening rain held back until late afternoon.

The retreat, sponsored by National Baptist and Southern Baptist WMU, was the first statewide event in preparation for the Good News Mississippi evangelistic campaign planned for April. The women met to pray, as part of their spiritual preparation for the campaign. And prayer was an integral part of the day's program — in small groups; in the large group, in two's, silently and audibly.

The theme was centered on phrases of the hymn, "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord." Main speakers included a black woman and a white woman, both employed by the Home Mission Board, SBC. Small groups were led by blacks and whites and Indians.

Waudine Storey, consultant, WMU, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who directed the planning for the event, told the women, "I have been praying about this day for a long time and I praise the Lord for His guidance in the way that it has worked out."

Mrs. Alma Barnes, president, Woman's Auxiliary, East Mississippi State Baptist Convention, Laurel, presided.

### Bible Study

Mrs. Margaret Perkins led the Bible

study, on 2 Timothy 3:17.

Mrs. Perkins, of Birmingham, an Alabama native, said that she spent many of her childhood vacations in Scobba, Mississippi. She is Woman's Missionary Union consultant for Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," she said, as she talked about being "The One I Can Be." She continued, "We are all afraid of something. We are oppressed by fears... and guilt... and by a loss of self-worth that we drag around like a ball and chain. But we can have freedom from all of these through the Spirit of the Lord."

She listed ways to "become the one I want to become." First, admit that we have fears and accept ourselves as we are. Second, believe in the MORE that we can be. "There is more in us than what is wrong with us. People are problems — plus." Add third, be alert to the MORE in others, those with whom we live and work, and then relate to others out of the more. Jesus nicknamed Peter the Rock because he could see the MORE in Peter. Jesus always saw more in people than they saw in themselves.

Mrs. Elma Robinson, president, Women's Auxiliary, Northeast Mississippi State Convention, Starkville, led the prayer of thanksgiving for the

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## William P. Davis:

# "Getting To Know Each Other Has Led To Better Relationships"

By Anne McWilliams

In the summer of 1964 the race issue simmered, bubbled, and boiled over. At least 42 Negro churches were burned or bombed in Mississippi.

In this spring of 1979, Baptists of the black race and of the white race have pledged to work together in an evangelistic campaign called Good News Mississippi. In the first major event of the campaign 312 black and white Baptist women met together for a day of prayer at Camp Garaywa.

The next major event is to be a rally at the City Auditorium in Jackson, on March 23, in which members of National and Southern Baptist churches are invited to hear speakers and mass choirs representing both races.

How is it that such a rally can be held in Jackson now, when in 1964 it would have been an undreamed-of possibility? Does this mean real progress in race relations, or is it only a progress that is on the surface?

Dick Brogan, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, said, "Though a lot of blacks and whites do not yet really know each other, we have moved far beyond surface progress, and we are recognizing each other's strengths and weaknesses. He added, "Even though we are not there yet, we are a lot farther along the way than we have been."

William P. Davis of Jackson said, "I could list some samples of progress

and some samples of 'not progress.' " Davis, now retired, was in 1964 the director of the Department of Work with Negroes (National Baptists), Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He is one of six men featured in a new book, *His Heart Is Black*, published by the Home Mission Board, SBC. (More about this book will be printed in next week's Record.)

Going back to 1964 and the burning of the churches, he said, "The people who did the burning intended to try to intimidate the blacks who had been pushing for civil rights. Instead, they woke up the concern of the whites who until then had sort of been staying on the sidelines. I think that God used the burning as an instrument to bring things to a head. From then on, signs of progress became more and more evident."

### Committee Of Concern

On August 14, 1964, Davis visited the ruins of St. Matthews Baptist Church at Flowood, and took a look at the smoldering ashes. He made up his mind that morning that the best way to show

concern for the members of the burned churches would be to rebuild all the churches.

As a result, an inter-faith, bi-racial Committee of Concern was organized Sept. 9, 1964, in the Baptist Building in Jackson, with Davis as chairman. By year's end the committee had collected \$50,000, much of it from within the state, and by the end of two years every burned church had been rebuilt.

News media around the world, including Time magazine, carried the story of the Committee of Concern, and contributions came from 50 states and 21 countries.

The Committee did not provide all the funds for construction of any one building. The smallest allocation was \$1,000 and the largest \$8,000. But it accomplished more. It revealed that Mississippians of all races and creeds could work together. It helped to build some bridges of understanding. It kindled some fires of love. The Committee remained in existence as the Religious

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## Educators Set National Bold Missions Meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Baptist educators and mission leaders will join in studying how Christian education can give practical support to Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust at a National Conference on Bold Christian Education and Bold Missions at Galveston, Texas, June 7-9.

The conference will be sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Besides examining the theology of Christian education and missions, the educators and denominational leaders will discuss both the challenge of religious pluralism and the Third World to the Christian faith.

About 120 education and mission leaders will participate in the addresses, position papers, and reactions at the conference. The material developed by the program personnel will

be published as a part of the follow-up program of the conference by the Education Commission, according to the commission's executive director, Arthur L. Walker Jr.

Addresses in the general sessions will include the task of missions as it particularly relates to the activities of the Baptist college. Pope Duncan, president of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., will address the conference on "Educating for a Christian Witness," and Jesse Fletcher, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, will speak on "Preparing the Student for Contemporary Missions."

Participants will be involved in discussion groups related to academic disciplines and the practical applications to mission involvement. Each discussion group will center its attention on a position paper written by Baptist educators and mission leaders.





# Simultaneous Revivals Spread Over Entire State

Here's a partial listing by association of Mississippi Baptist churches holding April revivals. We thought we could get them on one page, but there are far too many. Other lists will be published next week in the Record.

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Prospect	Apr. 22-25	Damon Laird	Mike Sullivan
Brewer	Apr. 8-13	Victor Douglas	Raymond Allen
Calvary	Apr. 18-22	Francis Holder	W. L. Yeatman
Union	Apr. 29-May 4	W. L. Yeatman	Troy A. Sumrall
Janice	Apr. 29-May 4	Howard Aultman	V. C. Windom
Seminary	Apr. 27-29	Kelvin Sherer	Paul Crocker
Good Hope	Apr. 22-27	Lamar Ball	Francis Holder
Arlington	Apr. 22-27	John Anderson	Tommy Kendrick
Beaumont	Apr. 22-27	Tom Cox and family	Frank Hendry
New Augusta	Apr. 23-29	Jimmy Dukes	J. D. Lundy
East Side	Apr. 22-27	Joe D. Boutwell	Joe D. Boutwell
Memorial	Apr. 22-29	Troy Land	R. N. Smith
Bethel	Apr. 4-8	Earl Clark	Ronnie Turner
Rumelstown	Apr. 22-26	Randy Braddock	James Parker

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Agriola	Apr. 22-27	James Messer	Bryce Evans
Barton	Apr. 22-27	S. A. Adkins	Donnie Parker
Hillcrest	Apr. 15-20	Allen Stillman	William McWilliams
Southside	Apr. 1-6	James Fancher	John Edwards
Shady Grove	Apr. 22-27	James Fancher	N. H. Smith
Rocky Creek	Apr. 15-20	James Fancher	Bob Sanderson
Lucedale First	Apr. 15-20	Gordon Sansing	Johnny Walker

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Friendship	Apr. 15-21	Raymond Parker	Wiley Reid
New Prospect	Apr. 22-27	Bob Wiggins	Ted Rushing
Easthaven	Apr. 22-25	Joe Ratcliff	Ernest Sadler
Macedonia	Apr. 15-20	Calvin Phelps	Wardell Allgee
Mt. Pleasant	Apr. 22-25	Calvin Phelps	Leonard Smith
Union	Apr. 15-20	Wayne Sanders	Hershal Clanton
Gum Grove	Apr. 15-20	Wayne Sanders	Riley Hinton
Pleasant Hill	Apr. 20-22	BSU SW Jr. College	Charles Guy
Ruth	Apr. 15-18	Robert Smith	H. D. Swindall
Heuck's Retreat	Apr. 18-22	Robert Smith	Daryl Oster
Union Hall	Apr. 20-22	Tim Shelby	Edgar Lee Wright
New Sight	Apr. 22-27	David Kendall	Paul Wilson
Central	Apr. 15-22	M. C. Barton	Ricky Johnston
Fair River	Apr. 27-29	Ronny Robinson	Gerald Aultman
Pleasant Grove	Apr. 20-22	Tony Francane	Ronnie Robinson
Mt. Moriah	Apr. 20-22	Gregg Smith	Gene Erwin
Calvary	Apr. 22-25	Robert Hamblin	P. A. Michel
First Baptist	Apr. 22-25	Roger Wilkins	Cecil Hubbard
Moak's Creek	Apr. 23-24	Jack Hudson	U. G. Salter (int.)
Bogue Chitto	Apr. 20-22	Tim Rayburn	Dennis Duvall
Little Bahala	Apr. 25-29	Danny Forrest	Dick Hill
Mt. Zion	Apr. 15-20	Murphy Brantley	L. C. Brown, Sr.
Brookway	Apr. 15-20	Murphy Brantley	L. C. Brown, Sr.

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Sylvarena	Apr. 20-22	Chuck Kelly	Jerry Barlow
Sardis	Apr. 20-22	Lamar Jolly	Lamar Jolly
Strong Hope	Apr. 27-29	Youth Team	Robert L. Smith
FBC Hazenhurst	Apr. 22-25	Gray Allison	Robert Hanvey
FBC Crystal Spr.	Apr. 29-May 4	John Barnes	Harold Kitchings
Highland	Apr. 22-27	Emerson Tedder	James Griffith
County Line	Apr. 22-27	Emerson Tedder	Robert Stacy
Gatesville	Apr. 22-27	Charles King	Robert Magee
Gallman	Apr. 23-29	Tommy Channell	Charles Abbey
Hopewell	Apr. 15-20	Riley Ainsworth	Riley Ainsworth
Bethel	Apr. 22-25	Jimmy Craft	Ricky Kennedy
Wesson	Apr. 22-27	Perry C. Perkins	Ken Stringer
Shady Grove	Apr. 22-27	Jimmy Craft	Ronald K. Burch
New Providence	Apr. 27-29	Richard Spencer	Glen Hopkins
Spring Hill	Apr. 27-29	Richard Spencer	Stan Weatherford

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Shiloh	Mar. 4-9	Clarence Cooper, Jr.	Billy Wells
Bruce First	Mar. 11-16	Charles Nestor	Charles Nestor
Calvary	Mar. 11-16	Junior Richey	Clark Patterson
College Hill	Mar. 16-18	Dale Easley	Donald Bryant
Parker	Mar. 16-18	Laymen's Revival	Billy Hill
New Providence	Mar. 19-23	Clarence Cooper, Jr.	J. T. Busby
Schoona Valley	Mar. 18-23	Marvin Lee	Artis Tutor
Sherman	Mar. 18-23	Jimmy Porter	Danny Kelley
FBC Vardaman	Mar. 18-23	Jimmy Porter	Lowell Johnson
Victory	Mar. 23-25	Lay-Led Revival	Wilson Long
Concord	Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Don Robertson	Lowry Guest
Drivers Flat	Mar. 25-30	Don Robertson	John Stewart
Lantrip	Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Different preacher each night	Robert Alexander

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Pilgrims Rest	Mar. 25-30	Kara Blackard	William Cook
Westside	Mar. 25-28	James Fancher	R. A. Coulter, Jr.
Banner	Apr. 1-6	Oliver Hood	John Gray, Jr.
Bethany	Apr. 1-6	W. T. Yeager	Maxwell Price
Calhoun City Sec.	Apr. 1-6	Finley Evans	Edward Pendergrast
Duncan Hill	Apr. 1-6	Jimmy Wallis	Jimmy C. Horton
Midway	Apr. 4-6	Billy Floyd	Donald Dunahue
Mt. Comfort	Apr. 1-6	Clarence Cooper, Jr.	James Jeffreys
Mt. Moriah	Apr. 1-6	Leon Emery	W. W. Young
Mt. Tabor	Apr. 6-8	Kelly Nolan	Kelly Nolan
Oak Grove	Apr. 6-8	Different preacher each night	Robert Alexander

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Oldtown	Apr. 1-6	Billy Wells	Robert Harville
Pleasant Grove	Apr. 1-6	Robert Jackson	James Calder
Rocky Branch	Apr. 1-6	Philip Caples	Winfred Brasher
Saboula	Apr. 4-6	Lowell Johnson	Dan Wright
Antioch	Apr. 8-13	Laderl Starks	James West
Baileyville	Apr. 8-13	Tommy Murphy	Laderl Starks
Bradford Chapel	Apr. 8-13	Deacon-Led Revival	Elgin West
Calhoun City First	Apr. 8-11	Deacon-Led Revival	Anthony Kay

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Derma	Apr. 8-11	Hershel Clanton	Robert Jackson
Ellard	Apr. 13-15	Aubrey Jones	Judson Hays
Macedonia	Apr. 8-13	Don Bryant	Brooks Turner
New Liberty	Apr. 8-13	James Rutledge	Clarence Cooper, Jr.
Pleasant Hill	Apr. 11-15	Dwight Brown	Philip Caples
Poplar Springs	Apr. 12-15	Bobby Long	Don Wilson
Sarepta	Apr. 8-13	John Stewart	Mamon Morris
Spring Hill	Apr. 11-13	Randell Poss	Billy Floyd
Turkey Creek	Apr. 9-15	Sam Higdon	Sam Higdon
Rocky Mount	Apr. 15-21	Bob Weldon	James Taylor, Jr.
Big Creek	Apr. 15-21	Fred Lawrence	Fred Lawrence

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Antioch	Mar. 30-Apr. 3	Hugh Poole	David Wilkinson
Beacon Street	Apr. 9-15	Hyman Appleman	Henry E. Hight
Bethsaida	Apr. 1-6	James Snowdyn	Cal Cooley
Bond	Apr. 1-6	Albert M. Burt	Carl Tucker
Coldwater	Apr. 1-4	Charles Holifield	Harold Scott
East Philadelphia	Apr. 1-6	Jerry Skinner	Terrell Suggs
First Philadelphia	Apr. 1-6	Guy Henderson	Eugene Dobbs
High Hill	Apr. 1-8	George Cranfill	Dwight Hemken
Hope	Apr. 1-6	Mike Thrower	Jerry Jones
New Bethel	Apr. 1-6	Randolph Scott	James F. Williams
New Pleasantdale	Apr. 5-7	Ray Ming	J. C. Herrington
North Calvary	Apr. 8-11	John Adams	James T. Bryant
Old Pearl Valley	Apr. 1-4	Ronnie Robertson	Lonnie Alexander
Pine Grove	Apr. 1-8	Harry L. Barnes	R. R. Newman
Trinity	Apr. 1-6	Ron Farrington	Grady Collins
White Oak	Apr. 6-8	Ron Farrington	Tim Robertson

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Carthage First	Apr. 1-6	Clyde Little	J. B. Miller
Corinth	Apr. 1-4	Emory May	John Sharp
Freeny	Apr. 1-6	David Kendall	Wade Chappell
Good Hope	Apr. 1-6	Bill Beam	Lamar Williams
Mars Hill	Apr. 1-6	Eugene Wigley	Woodrow Clark
Madden	Mar. 28-Apr. 1	Eugene Wigley	A. A. Ward
Mt. Zion	Apr. 1-6	Jason Sharp	Jessie Scott
Midway	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	Tyrone Wells
McDonald	Apr. 1-4	Jason Sharp	Jason Sharp
New Zion	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	C. C. Burns
New Hope	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	Jimmy Young
Pearl Hill	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	Edward C. Smith
Renfro	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	Jimmie Jenkins
Remus	Apr. 1-6	Danny Purser	Danny Moss
Springfield	Apr. 1-4	G. C. Carlisle	Ricky McKay
Standing Pine	Apr. 1-6	Gary Rivers	Robert Walker
Sunrise	Apr. 8-13	Billy Lee Foley	Jerry Ferguson
Thomastown	Apr. 1-6	Ray McCorkle	Bobby Waggoner
Trinity	Apr. 1-6	Sonny Atkins	Richard Kennedy
Walnut Grove	Apr. 1-6	Sonny Atkins	Carlton Jones
Wiggins	Mar. 23-25	Bobby Waggoner	Randolph Scott
Mr. Carmel	Mar. 30-Apr. 1	George Blackwell	Randolph Scott

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Alexander Mem.	Apr. 1-6	Bob Smith	R. B. McNeer
Calvary	Apr. 1-6	Tommy Winders	Howard Taylor
Emmanuel	Apr. 1-6	Earliest Steelman	Hugh Martin
Glendale	Apr. 1-6	Doug Warren	Clyde Pullen
Greenfield	Apr. 8-13	George Aultman	Frank Bishop
Second	Apr. 1-6	Clifton Perkins	Roy Raddin
Southside	Apr. 1-8	Tommy Burriss	John Rudd
Lakeview	Apr. 1-6	Roland Smith	Charles Everitt

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
West Side	Mar. 11-17	James P. Odom	James P. Odom
Brookville	Mar. 11-16	Danny Hood	Jerry Zgarba
Macon First	Apr. 22-27	Joe McKeever	Hugh L. Poole
Shuqualak	Apr. 6-8	Yuth Led	Roy Hawkins
Calvary	May 2-4	Kelton Williams	Barry Massey

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Concord	Apr. 20-22	Joe Bennett	Steve Jackson
Calvary	Apr. 22-27	James Fancher	Wayne Kimbrough
Providence	Apr. 25-29	G. W. Hutto	Robert Martin
Tinsley	Apr. 13-15	Lewis Coker	Philip Duncan
Eden	Apr. 6-8	Miss. College Team	Joey Bennett

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Corinth	Apr. 22-27	Donald Graham	Gerald Jones
Hickory Grove	Apr. 8-13	Herman Merritt	H. L. Fewell
Calvary	Apr. 20-22	Wayne Watts	Jim Beck
Lumberton First	May 6-9	David R. Young	David R. Young
Richburg	Apr. 16-20	Troy Sumrall	Richard Miley

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Cary	Apr. 22-27	Olyn Roberts	Billy J. McDaniel
Straight Bayou	Mar. 18-23	Roy Myers	J. Harold Jones

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Bethel	Apr. 22-27	Cecil Brasel	Danny Stringer
Bethlehem	Apr. 22-29	Warren Rush	Warren Rush
County Liqe	Apr. 29-May 1	W. A. Fordham	Marvin K. Dean
Eastview	Mar. 25-30	Harold Ishee	Danny Henderson
Emmanuel	Apr. 22-27	Ed Holimon	Leroy Craven
Fellowship	Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Jerry File	Henry Freeman
First, Ellisville	Apr. 22-27	John Barnes	Mack Jones
First, Laurel	Apr. 8-11	Barry Landrum	Larry Kennedy
First, Sharon	Apr. 22-27	J. W. Coker	Thomas Broadhead
First, Soso	Apr. 18-22	Kenneth Moore	Herbert Kimmon
Freedom	Apr. 22-27	Russell Cottingham	Billy Ingram
Friendship	Apr. 18-22	Joe Nesom	Larry Goff
Grace	Apr. 22-27	Maurice Flowers	Mac Parker
Hebron	Apr. 22-27	Emory Rogers	Wade Rogers
Highland	Apr. 30-May 4	Sam Wolfe	Ralph Graves
Hillcrest	Apr. 27-29	Eddie Bryant	Nonnie Jefcoat
Magnolia Street	Apr. 22-27	Billy Crosby	Frank Harmon
Moselle Memorial	Apr. 22-27	Tommy Jones	Garland Eaves
New Hope	Apr. 22-25	John Sumner	James Earl Clark
Oakland Grove	Apr. 15-20	Lester Gardner	Lester Gardner
Pecan Grove	Apr. 15-20	Russell Cottingham	Russell Cottingham
Pine Grove	Mar. 11-14	Archie Darnell	Randy McHan
Pleasant Home	Mar. 16-18	Earl Clark	Martin Hayden
Salem Heights	Mar. 25-30	John Hull	D. J. Benson
Sandersville	Apr. 22-27	Wayne DuBose	Bruce G. Jolly
Second Avenue	Apr. 29-May 4	Bill Causey	Jerry E. File
Shelton	Mar. 25-29	N. R. Thornton	Gerald Odom
Tallahoma	Apr. 15-20	N. R. Thornton	N. R. Thornton
Trinity	Apr. 22-25	Gary Berry	Ralph Smith
Unity	Apr. 22-29	John Foy	John Foy
West Ellisville	Apr. 29-May 4	Cliff Estes	Tom McCurley
West Laurel	Apr. 8-13	J. D. Grey	Wayne Dubose
Wildwood	Apr. 29-May 4	Mel Craft	Marcus Finch

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Bovina	Apr. 16-22	Joe T. Odle	Jasper Collins
Bowman Ave.	Apr. 16-22	Charles Bishop	Harold Jordan
Calvary	Apr. 16-22	Paul Johnson	Charles Funderburk
Vicksburg First	Apr. 16-22	Earl Davis	John G. McCall
Goodrum	Apr. 16-22	Sonny Simpson	Dwight Turner
Grace	Apr. 16-22	Bruce Lungford	Donald Slack
Highland	Apr. 16-22	Gene Henderson	G. Ray Ming
Immanuel	Apr. 16-22	Randy Turner	Guy Gray
Northside	Apr. 16-22	Bobby Waggoner	L. C. Anthony
Trinity	Apr. 16-22	Robert S. Magee	Howard D. Smith
Wayside	Apr. 16-22	Glynn Wright	Alton Hodnett

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Algoma	Apr. 8-13	Andy Gore	Charles Rodgers
Cherry Creek	Apr. 8-13	Randy Bain	Joe Herndon
Furrs	Apr. 1-6	Don Smith	Joe Epting
Thaxton	Apr. 1-6	Billy Ray Nelson	Billy Davis
Toxish	Apr. 1-6	Leslie Hicks	Leslie Hicks
Valley Grove	Apr. 5-8	William Jones	Jack Gregory
West Heights	Apr. 1-6	Lamar Pickens	Winston Ross
Midway	Apr. 1-6	Bryan Abel	W. R. Austin
Toccopola	Mar. 11-16	Mike Burczynski	Partee Tutor
Endville	Mar. 25-28	L. Gordon Sansing	Gordon Sansing

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Centerville	Apr. 27-29	David Deming	Jimmy Simeon
Crosby	Apr. 15-27	Farrell McMorris	Farrell McMorris
Galilee	Apr. 29-May 2	Jim Nunnelee	Wayne Berry
Hebron	Apr. 27-29	Kent Campbell	Millard Puri
Liberty	Apr. 22-27	Joel Haire	Charles Holifield
Mt. Pleasant	Apr. 20-22	Glynn Forman	Terry Johnston
New Zion	Apr. 27-29	Russell Fox	Hugh Harbort
Oak Grove	Apr. 20-22	Joe Cothen	Ross Stephens
Pioneer	Apr. 20-22	Farrell McMorris	O. B. Beverly
Woodville	Apr. 6-8	Jerry Mixon	Ben Carlisle
Zion Hill	Apr. 13-15	Joe Jackson	Joe Jackson

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Algoma	Apr. 8-13	Andy Gore	Charles Rodgers
Cherry Creek	Apr. 8-13	Randy Bain	Joe Herndon
Furrs	Apr. 1-6	Don Smith	Joe Epting
Thaxton	Apr. 1-6	Billy Ray Nelson	Billy Davis
Toxish	Apr. 1-6	Leslie Hicks	Leslie Hicks
Valley Grove	Apr. 5-8	William Jones	Jack Gregory
West Heights	Apr. 1-6	Lamar Pickens	Winston Ross
Midway	Apr. 1-6	Bryan Abel	W. R. Austin
Toccopola	Mar. 11-16	Mike Burczynski	Partee Tutor
Endville	Mar. 25-28	L. Gordon Sansing	Gordon Sansing

Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Centerville	Apr. 27-29	David Deming	Jimmy Simeon
Crosby	Apr. 15-27	Farrell McMorris	Farrell McMorris
Galilee	Apr. 29-May 2	Jim Nunnelee	Wayne Berry
Hebron	Apr. 27-29	Kent Campbell	Millard Puri
Liberty	Apr. 22-27	Joel Haire	Charles Holifield
Mt. Pleasant	Apr. 20-22	Glynn Forman	Terry Johnston
New Zion	Apr. 27-29	Russell Fox	Hugh Harbort
Oak Grove	Apr. 20-22	Joe Cothen	Ross Stephens
Pioneer	Apr. 20-22	Farrell McMorris	O. B. Beverly
Woodville	Apr. 6-8	Jerry Mixon	Ben Carlisle
Zion Hill	Apr. 13-15	Joe Jackson	Joe Jackson

Pastor	Church	Date
J. B. Miller	Abbeville	Apr. 15-20
John Sharp	Anchor	Apr. 8-14
Wade Chappell	Bay Springs	Apr. 8-14
Lamar Williams	Clear Creek	Apr. 1-7
Woodrow Clark	Coll. Hill Hghts.	Apr. 1-7
A. A. Ward	Delay	Apr. 6-8
Jessie Scott	New Elbethel	Apr. 1-7
Cyrone Wells	New Prospect	Apr. 1-7
Jason Sharp	North Oxford	Apr. 8-13
C. C. Burns	Oxford, First	Apr. 1-6
Jimmy Young	Philadelphia	Apr. 1-7
Edward C. Smith	Shiloh	Mar. 12-13
Jimmie Jenkins	Taylor	Apr. 1-7
Jimmie Jenkins	Temple Heights	Apr. 1-7
Danny Moss	Tula	Apr. 8-13
Ricky McKay	Union West	Apr. 6-8
Robert Walker	Yellow Leaf	Mar. 31-1
Ferry Ferguson		
Robby Waggoner	Church	Date
Richard Kennedy	Calvary	Apr. 1-6
Carlton Jones	Holly Spgs., First	Apr. 8-14
Randolph Scott	Mt. Moriah	Apr. 15-20



# March Meetings: Missions Ministries

By Paul Harrell, Director  
Brotherhood Department

The decade of the 80's will focus greatly on lay persons and their role in missions. The Bold Mission Thrust emphasis has helped lay people to discover that they, too, can be on mission for Christ in a very special way.

To aid in this discovery, a group of conferences have been scheduled on March 26 and March 27 in nine Mississippi cities. They begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 8:45 p.m.

March 26 meetings will be at First Baptist Church, Senatobia; First Baptist Church, New Albany; First Baptist Church, Greenwood; First Baptist Church, Starkville; and First Baptist Church, Gulfport.



Self



Lloyd



North



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Kennedy



Ladner



Burge



Keith

## Special Events Related To Good News

• Each Wednesday during the weeks of revivals in Calhoun County, pastors and visiting evangelists will meet together for lunch and a message from an evangelist. This will be going on from mid-March to mid-April.

• Pontotoc Association held a Witness Involvement Now (WIN) School Feb. 19-23, in preparation for the Good News Revivals.

• Union County Association scheduled a WIN School March 5-6 and 8-9 at Northside Baptist Church, New Albany, led by Jack Gregory, pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc.

• Shuqualak Baptist Church in Noxubee Association is finalizing plans for an ACTION Sunday School enrollment campaign, March 25-April 1, led by their pastor Roy Hawkins who is also associational Sunday School director. Also, West Side Church in Noxubee will also have an ACTION campaign March 23-April 1.

• A Baptist Women's Prayer Retreat will be held Saturday, April 14, at 12 noon at the Simpson Baptist Association Center. Mrs. Ellerea Smith is WMU director and Mrs. Juanita Schilling is Baptist Women's director.

• There will be a pastor-deacon prayer retreat Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Simpson Association Center. Billy Guest, evangelism chairman, will be in charge of the program. Glen Schilling is director of missions.

March 27 meetings will be at First Baptist Church, Clinton; First Baptist Church, Newton; First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; and Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

The specific target audience includes Baptist Men's and Royal Ambassador leadership, church staff members responsible for adult and youth mission projects, persons interested in mission ministry projects and committee persons on the associational church missions committee.

Each conference is concluded with a motivational message with an emphasis on lay persons and missions. Motivational speakers and the city they will be speaking in will be Senatobia: Bob Self of Batesville; New Albany: Jack Gregory of Pontotoc; Greenwood: Curtis Burge of Starkville; Gulfport: Jim Keith of Gulfport.

Clinton: Bill Causey of Jackson; Newton: Ed North of Quitman; Brookhaven: Oliver Ladner of Magee; and Hattiesburg: Larry Kennedy of Laurel.

## "Getting To Know Has Led To..."

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Leadership Conference.

Signs of Progress

Signs of progress Davis pointed out are:

A growing fellowship exists between National Baptists and Southern Baptists. This is a more fraternal relationship than in earlier years. There is more opportunity for one-to-one friendships — black and white individuals getting to know each other — than 15 years ago, since now they work together, lunch together, and study together.

Dick Brogan said that integration is no longer an issue with most black Baptists. "I think we are all realizing more and more," he added, "that America is a mosaic of different races and cultures, and lifestyles, rather than a melting pot to blend them all together."

Waudine Storey, WMU consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, suggested that it would be good if Southern Baptist churches in the state would open more of their leadership meetings to National Baptists, to share materials and methods. Miss Storey works with the National Baptist women in the state, and directed the prayer retreat at Garaywa Feb. 24.

Davis said, "In 1964 it was actually hazardous to invite my black friends to my house, or to be seen dining with them. Now I have no hesitation in inviting them to my home. In fact, several came to my 75th birthday party."

Signs of 'Not Progress'

In speaking of what he calls 'not progress,' Davis said, "The bad part is that we still have a long way to go. We can never feel secure that the battle is won and stop and say 'We have it made.'"

"Our mission opportunity is now," he declared. "We'd better not miss it! Good News Mississippi can mean increasingly better relationships between blacks and whites. If we can't be brought together through Jesus Christ and His teachings, there is no other way that we can."

## Good News

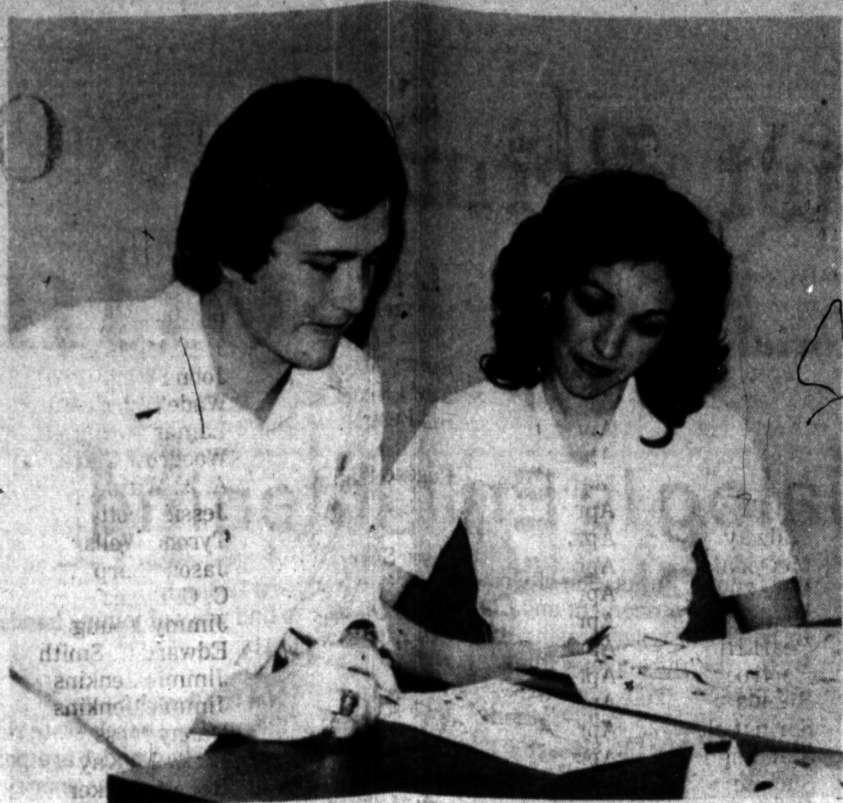
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tributed by participating conventions for the rally and publicity for the revivals, including \$10,000 from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention's participation in Good News Mississippi is a statewide contribution to the Southern Baptist Bold Mission Thrust efforts which seek to give each person in the nation the opportunity to respond to the gospel message and to become a part of a New Testament fellowship by the end of 1982. The same goal for the world has been set for the ended of the century.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

March 11 Home Mission Day in Sunday School  
March 12-15 Associational Officer Training, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly (BSSE)  
March 12-15 Children and Conversion Conference (CT/EVAN/SS/WMU)  
12-FBC, Oxford, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
13-FBC, Starkville, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
14-FBC, Jackson, 10 a.m.-12 Noon  
15-FBC, Laurel, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
March 12-16 Youth/Youth Leadership Workshop (Church Training)  
12-13 Alta Woods Church, Jackson, 7-10 p.m.  
15-16 FBC, Biloxi, 7-10 p.m.  
March 15-16 Church Extension Conference (Cooperative Missions)  
15-FBC, Coldwater, 4-9 p.m.  
16-Moorhead Church, Moorhead, 4-9 p.m.  
March 15-17 Regional Brotherhood Training Institute, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson  
6 p.m., 15th-12:30 p.m. 17th  
March 16-17 Conference for Parents of Deaf Children, Baptist Building, Jackson  
7 p.m., 16th-3:30 p.m., 17th



## Career Day At Med Center

Kenny Dukes, a radiology student (left), and Theresa Cameron, a medical technology student, have been busy preparing for Career Day at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Career Day will be Tuesday, March 13, from 2-4 p.m. for the state's high school and junior college students interested in health related fields. The students will have an opportunity to talk with instructors in the fields of respiratory therapy, radiology, medical technology and nursing. Tours of the hospital and departments will also be conducted.

## 500 Decide For Christ At Industrial Complex

SEOUL, Korea — More than 500 middle and high school students recently made decisions for Christ at a school for industrial workers near Seoul, Korea.



Rowden



Kelly

## Kelly And Rowden Will Wed Mar. 17 Portugal

Earl Kelly and Marjorie Rowden will be wed March 17 in a private ceremony in Hattiesburg.

Kelly is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Rowden is vice president for college relations at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Rowden, also serving as associate professor of religion, is a former missionary to Israel, 1951-57. A native of Atlanta, Ga., she is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and earned the master of religious education at New Orleans Seminary.

She is a member of several Baptist and civic groups including the Baptist Public Relations Association and has been a member of the Hattiesburg Civic Arts Council. She is chairman of the board for the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society.

Kelly, who grew up in Ecru, is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the bachelor of divinity, and master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He has been pastor of Sandcreek Church in Greensburg, Ind.; First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Kelly has three children: Dana, Brian, and Kay. Mrs. Rowden has four children: Rebecca, Robin Rowden Riggs, Richard, and Paige.

Kelly's wife, Amanda died in January, 1978, of cancer. Mrs. Rowden's husband, Paul, died in 1959, also of cancer.

## First, Natchez Will Enter New Sanctuary

The first worship service in the newly constructed First Baptist Church Natchez, will be Sunday, March 11, 11:00 a.m. First Baptist Church was organized in the home of John Richards, on Jefferson Street, 1817, the same year Mississippi was admitted as the twentieth state in the Union. The church was located on Wall Street from 1851-1924 and moved to Main Street in 1924.

In 1962 the church purchased a 48 acre building site at 150 D'Everaux Drive, and ground was broken for the new buildings on April 10, 1977. Special features of the newly constructed multi-purpose colonial facility includes a beautiful worship center with pipe organ and space for a 60-voice choir, a basketball court, indoor skating, game room, ceramics room, cafeteria, and multi-sized dining-fellowship-recreation areas.

The building also includes complete educational facilities for all age

Many of the more than 2,000 enrolled in the school are beyond high school age but never completed their schooling. Those who attend the school, located in the middle of an industrial complex, also work day or night shifts there.

The school director, who is a Christian, allowed Southern Baptist missionary Robert T. McEachern Jr. to lead a three-day series of day and night meetings during which the decisions were made, according to Paul A. Rhoads, Southern Baptist missionary press representative there.

A nearby Baptist association is now planning to start a Baptist church near the school.

We are not poorer but richer because we have through many ages rested from our labors one day in seven. — Lord Macaulay

## Portugal Battered By Flood

LISBON, Portugal — Several Baptist families in Portugal have experienced significant loss from the worst flood to hit the country in more than a century.

Heavy rains, rough seas and winds of more than 90 miles per hour have contributed to flooding and the evacuation of more than 10,000 people, according to Charlotte (Mrs. Samuel G.) Shepard, Southern Baptist missionary press representative from Virginia. Also, there were heavy losses to cattle and crops.

Greatest damage has been in the central part of the country, though damage has been experienced throughout the country. The coastline has been hit by huge waves, Mrs. Shepard said, and rising water has curtailed travel.

Although it has been hard to estimate the damage among Portuguese Baptists, at least eight Baptist families have experienced a great deal of loss.

Compounding the misery, Mrs. Shepard said, has been a telephone strike and a serious shortage of water in Lisbon because flood waters threaten the pumping system.

Baptists are trying to determine where the greatest needs are not what can be done to alleviate them. Antonio dos Santos, a pastor in Lisbon, heads the committee on relief.

## The Missions Task Stability And Strength

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

A tale is told of a wise old king who called his sons together and gave each one a small stick of wood. Thin and brittle, the sticks could easily be broken.

Taking the sticks from each son, the king bound them tightly together. Handing the bundle to each son, he instructed them to break it. Each son failed.

"Remember," said the wise old king. "If you try to go it alone, you will fail. Together, you will be strong."

For over 50 years Baptists have found this tale to be true. No one church, regardless of how large its membership, can respond fully and effectively to the multi-faceted command of Christ. It is as we work together that we are able to make a comprehensive approach to a lost world. Our strength and stability is found in our cooperation.

Think of medical clinics, hospitals, secondary schools, church buildings, seminaries, printing, radio and television, vacation Bible schools, and a vast host of missionaries in 94 countries of the world to use these tools of missions. There are about 30 countries in the world where we have no missionaries. What if China should open to the gospel? Eight hundred million people cut off from the gospel for over 30 years!

Jesus spent his public ministry teaching his disciples to work together. Only Judas left the group. Paul sought to write the churches of his day in a great missions effort.

God spoke to Zion in Isaiah 54:2-3 and said... "lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall POSSESS THE NATIONS, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

God has given us the plan for gathering and channeling our resources in an effort to evangelize and disciple all nations. Its strength and stability has been tried and proven. It has stood the test of time. Other plans come and go, rise and fall, but the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention remains the most reliable and economical way of undergirding a program of world missions.

## Financial Support For MSC Still Lags

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists committed about \$60,000 to support Mission Service Corps volunteers overseas in late January and early February, according to Lewis I. Myers Jr., coordinator of the corps for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

These commitments by eight Southern Baptist individuals or groups, plus seven inquiries about supporting a volunteer, came in response to Myers' earlier announcement that immediate financing was needed for 27 Mission Service Corps volunteers.

Based on this initial response, Myers expressed confidence that financing for all 27 will be arranged during the next two to three months. It costs an average of \$7,500 a year to support a single volunteer and \$12,500 to support a couple overseas.

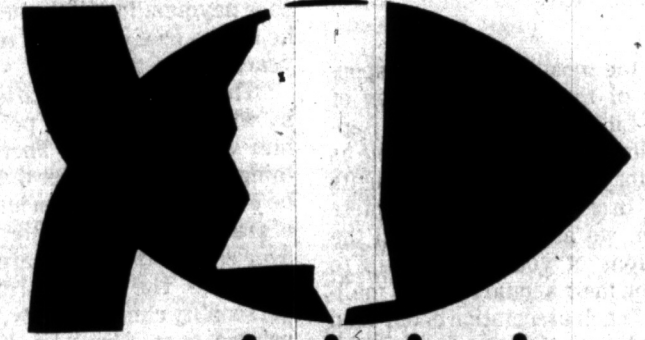
The appeal for additional financing came after the January meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Eight new Mission Service Corps workers were approved at that time, and Myers said four more awaited financing. Another 23 were nearing approval but also lacked support.

Although encouraged by the recent response, Myers said the number of volunteers and sponsors still does not equal the number of requests coming in from the field. About 60 percent of the requests are for teachers on levels ranging from elementary school to seminary. Missionaries in Spain, for example, have three requests for persons to teach the children of one or two mission families so that missionaries may devote more of their time to mission work.

English teachers are requested for government schools, particularly in Eastern and Southern Africa. Other requests are for teachers for international schools attended by missionary children, mission schools, national and Baptist junior and senior colleges and universities, Baptist seminaries, and English classes in community centers.

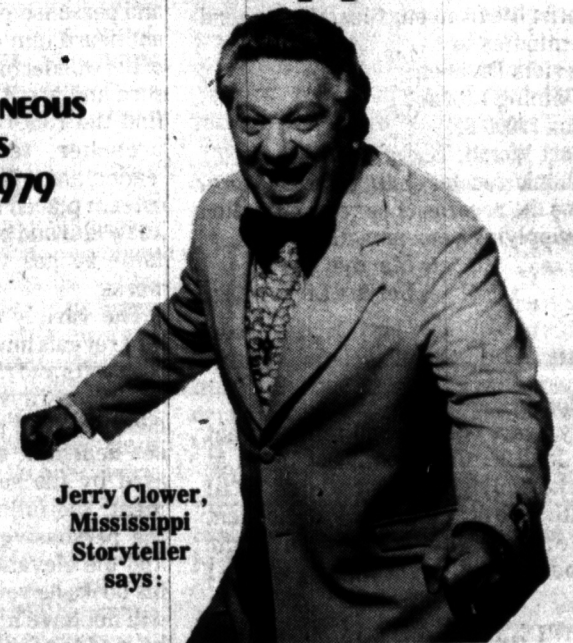
Myers said people with experience and training in literacy work or in teaching English as a second language would be especially helpful overseas. Other vital needs include officer workers, especially secretaries and bookkeepers, and agriculturalists.

## GOOD NEWS



mississippi

SIMULTANEOUS  
REVIVALS  
April 1979



Jerry Clower,  
Mississippi  
Storyteller  
says:

"Us folks in Mississippi are gonna see something that has never happened before. In April the white Southern Baptist churches and the black National Baptist churches are gonna have simultaneous revivals to tell everybody in Mississippi about Jesus Christ. So if you go to a white Baptist church, or a black Baptist church, you get all that Good News at one time, and if you ain't going to any Baptist church, you go in April and find out what's good. Take it from old Jerry and learn how great it is to be a Christian."

Good News Mississippi is a joint campaign of black and white Baptist churches to present the gospel message of Jesus Christ to the people of Mississippi.



# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### Priests In Street Clothes . . .

## Baptist-Catholic Dialog Is Enlightening

Catholic priests are really human, even when they are wearing their clerical garb. Sometimes those of us who are not used to such distinctive clothing feel somewhat alienated from those who wear it.

Some Baptist missionaries who serve in areas where visibility is important wear clerical collars. In this section of the country, however, we are not accustomed to seeing many people so dressed; and we might be prone to look upon them as sort of different. But they are not super saints and do not consider themselves as such.

This past week about 30 Baptists had an opportunity to sit down with about as many Catholics in general sessions, in small groups, and individually; and it was a refreshing experience. In spite of the fact of many differences in doctrine, they were found to be down-to-earth folks. The writer's roommate for the two-day conference was Mike Glenn, pastor of the Catholic church in Brookhaven. Perhaps it would be more proper to refer to him as Father Glenn, but he was Mike during those few hours. He is a native of Ireland and a delightful person.

For this conference many of the Catholic priests left their clerical collars at home.

This Baptist-Catholic dialog was one of several scheduled in Southeastern states through the sponsorship of the Department of Interfaith Witness of

the Home Mission Board. C. Brownlow Hastings is assistant director of the department in the area of Baptist-Catholic relations. His counterpart among the Catholics is Joe O'Donnell. Both were present. Others in attendance included both of the bishops in Mississippi, Joseph Brunini and Joseph Howze.

O'Donnell is a Catholic priest of the Glenmary order.

The dialog was simply a get acquainted effort. No one tried to change anyone's beliefs, though the doctrines of both groups were fully discussed, sometimes aggressively and sometimes defensively.

#### Three Things

The Baptists learned three things, primarily.

First was the down to earth nature of the Catholic bishops, priests, sisters, and lay people. Second was the fact that there are several important tenets of faith on which we can agree with Catholics. And third was the realization that the Catholic church all over the world has changed since Vatican Council II. Perhaps some of those changes came about at the insistence of American Catholics.

In a little booklet published by the Home Mission Board, titled "A Baptist View of Changes in Roman Catholicism," Hastings lists several doctrines which the two groups hold in common. These include God as a person, creator, and redeemer, ruler and judge of man, expressing himself in

the Trinity: Jesus, Son of God, Savior through his atonement and Lord of all through His resurrection; the Virgin Birth; the miraculous ministry; and the present reign and final return of Christ. He says that Catholics have about the same feeling on the interpretation of Scriptures as Baptists and believe in the sinful state of man that demands God's saving grace. We agree, he says, on the primacy of love in Christian virtue and the sacredness of marriage.

On the other side of the coin, the Catholics seemed a little surprised at the depth of commitment on the part of the Baptists. Since we have no hierarchy to enforce religious considerations, perhaps they thought there would be little depth. But then, we may have been surprised at the depth we found; for we had supposed that the visible trappings used by Catholics would produce a superficial response.

There will never be any sort of union between Baptists and Catholics. The two systems are too much different. Their religious order flows from the top, or the pope, down while ours flows from the people on through the various denominational echelons. We have no top nor bottom.

We are the two largest denominational groups in the United States, however. We have looked with misunderstanding across fixed boundaries for decades. We can not afford such lack of understanding as is to be found

in Northern Ireland.

We can find ways of joining hands in many efforts.

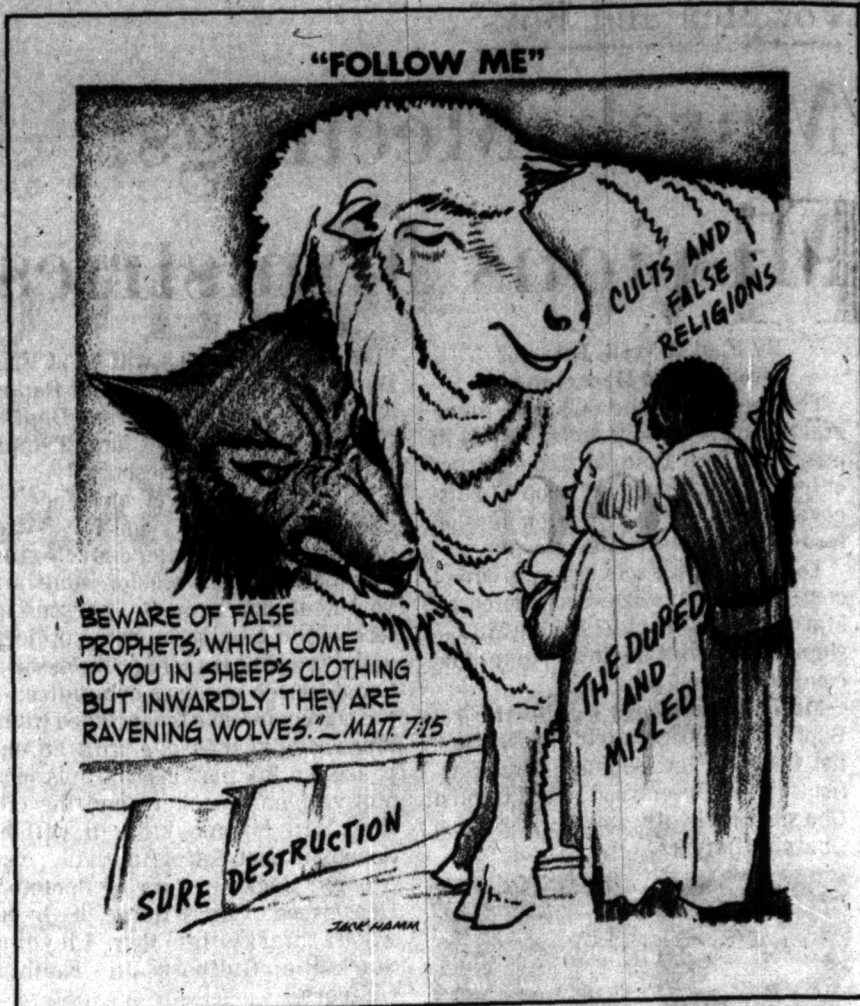
#### Not in Church-State

Not in the area of church-state relations, however. They and I are poles apart there. They feel tax money is justified in helping to fund the operation of their schools because they are relieving the public schools of the expense of educating their children. They feel they are being taxed twice and point out that no tax money is used in the teaching of religion.

I cannot agree. They send their children to Catholic schools because they choose to do so and must do so in the light of their having to pay taxes for public schools. And any tax money used in parochial schools cannot help but aid in the teaching of religion, for it releases money that would be used elsewhere so that it can be used in religious instruction.

And of course there are many doctrines and their method of church government to which we cannot subscribe. But in the framework of their methods and doctrines they are interested in bringing the good news of salvation to the nation and the world. This we will have to appreciate.

They are studying the Scriptures, and they are moving from some of their age-old concepts. They say we have misunderstood some of their concepts. Perhaps so, and if so, we should be willing to listen.—DTM



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Lifestyle Evangelism

Camp Garaywa was a good place to be on Saturday, Feb. 24, when over 300 black and white women met to pray (see story on p. 1).

It was to me an uplifting experience to listen to the voices singing "You ask me how I know He lives — He lives within my heart!" and to look out across faces — varied on the outside, but underneath so much the same — gathered together in Christian love to pray with and for each other as they join in a mutual missionary task.

Laura Fry, evangelism consultant for women, Home Mission Board, talked about lifestyle evangelism. She asked the women to write down the names of four people they see in their daily routine of living, four persons to whom they might witness. "You might know them or you might not," she said. "They might be your relatives, or they might be someone like a grocery clerk that you see regularly, or a neighbor." "Begin praying right now," she said, "that the door will open for you to talk with these people about Christ, that a way will open naturally for you to approach them. Say, 'Lord, I am available, show me the way. Open the door so that I can help.'"

She told of a woman who started praying for her postman. She did not know if he were a Christian, but he was someone she saw often. Then one day her door opened and the postman stood there with a religious, periodical on

which extra postage was due. The woman had never received this periodical before. The postman, pointing to the magazine, himself initiated the conversation, asking, "Are you a Christian?"

She answered, "Yes. Are you?" "Well, I don't know. Are you a born-again Christian like President Carter? If you are, I'd like to know more about what you believe."

So she had a chance to talk to the postman for an hour.

Miss Fry told of a fat woman in New Mexico who had been trying and trying — unsuccessfully — to diet. After she read the book, *The Fat is in your Head*, she turned the problem over to the Lord and kept praying about it and He helped her to solve it. With His help, she stayed on the diet. She told Miss Fry how her neighbor had been complimenting her on the loss of fat.

Miss Fry said, "Is your neighbor a Christian? Did you tell her that it was the Lord who helped you? Here was your perfect chance to witness to her."

Later, as the woman prayed about this matter, another opportunity came to talk with the neighbor, and she did not again miss the chance to tell what God had done for her.

Miss Fry asked, "What is the Lord doing for you now — not ten years ago — but now? How deep is your prayer life? your Bible study? You must have a live faith to share, before you can share it."

### Evangelism-Bible Conference . . .

## Good News Mississippi Should Profit

The Evangelism-Bible conference this year, from all accounts, was one of the finest. The writer did not get to attend the conference because of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at the same time. From all who have expressed an opinion, however, the evaluation has been the same. It was fine. There are many reasons for good meetings. The way the program is

structured has its effect. The ability of the speakers and the conference leaders cannot help be a factor. One of the primary ingredients, however, is the attitude of the participants — those who are attending.

It is said that there was an air of expectancy this year as the meeting got underway, and it remained throughout the conference. The ses-

sions were well attended to the end the conference.

Evidently the expectancy was rewarded. Those who structured the conference, primarily Evangelism Director Roy Collum and Sunday School Director Bryant Cummings, are to be congratulated.

The Evangelism-Bible Conference was a new concept coming out of two older meetings. The thought was good.

The enthusiasm should continue at a high level for many years to come.

A good conference on evangelism will have a decided effect on the results of evangelistic efforts throughout the year. That is of particular importance in this time of Bold Mission Thrust and this year of the Good News Mississippi simultaneous revivals. It is of utmost importance any time.

## Letters To The Editor

### Association Minutes Are History

Editor:

One of the most keenly felt responsibilities of the Serials Division of Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is its role as a repository for Baptist documents and data. In order to obtain a complete collection, we are requesting all the associations of your readership to place us on their annual minutes mailing list. If each association could send us just one copy of their minutes each year, future generations of Baptists will be able to get a complete picture of Baptist life from our files. Please send the minutes to:

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### John F. Carter

Editor:

My heart is saddened to learn that Dr. John F. Carter will not teach at Clarke College this year due to ill health. I do not claim to be an eloquent writer, but what I do claim is the friendship of a great man of whom I

had the honor of being a student and member of his Sunday School class for a number of years. This article is very poor payment for all the help and love he has so freely given to me over the years.

"The power of a sermon is measured by what is said by the personality of him who speaks it." There is something in Dr. Carter finer than anything he ever said. There is in him a quality of greatness which is better than all he ever said or did: great are his words and deeds. The wonderful charm of his personality cannot be conveyed by this printed page. However, his orations will bring to the thousands who heard him the memory of his princely form and persuasive voice. Those who have not heard him will find in the reading of his wonderful rich books great pleasure and profit. In his works, one will find the roots of his reputation as a preacher, teacher and Christian leader, and will see how just is the high esteem placed upon him by those who know him and how well he deserves the fame he has won by his words and works.

The variety of subjects treated by him reveals how versatile is Dr. Carter's gifts and richly stored his mind. He has always spoken with wisdom, clearness and power. Men of all classes hear him gladly, and are impressed by the soundness of his judgment, the fullness of his knowledge, the persuasiveness of his eloquence and the elevation of his character. In his books he yet speaks, and those who will not have him as their teacher will be glad to have in permanent form his works by which this princely man wrought so mightily for truth and righteousness in his day and generation for over three quarters of a century.

Alton Fagan, Pastor  
Vanilla Church, Monticello

### Thanks From Southwestern

Editor:

Several weeks ago we received a report from the SBC Executive Committee that outlined the distribution by states of Cooperative Program Receipts for the 1977-78 year. We were pleased and excited to discover that Mississippi had given \$193,115.79 to Southwestern Seminary through the Cooperative Program.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and Baptists of your convention for your generous stewardship and involvement in theological education. As you may know, 57 percent of the operating cost of Southwestern is pro-

vided by the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. It is our life-line!

We have just released statistics for our 1978-79 cumulative enrollment. We had 4,154 students enrolled during the year, which means an increase for the 12th consecutive year. We thank the Lord for His continued providence.

Thank you for your personal interest and support. May God continue to use and bless you.

Russell H. Dilday, President  
Southwestern Seminary

### Information in History

Editor:

Do you have any information on a Earl Barnes Harrison. This man was my great-grandfather and I know very little about him. I have reason to believe someone in Jackson may know about him. Also I would like any information on a Thomas and Jane Harrison who came to the U.S. on the ship Jupiter on June 1, 1811, or a John and Mary Harrison who came on the ship Harvey Hide on Jan. 12, 1811.

I pray to God this will not be a fruitless effort. I have tried everything else.

Dianna Ruff  
Route 1, Box 376  
El Dorado, AR 71730

### Seaman's Ministry

Editor:

Can you locate a very special volunteer?

We need someone who can accept responsibility for making initial contact with people aboard ships in our port. Actually, since there are two ports about 35 miles apart, we need two volunteers.

This person could be a retired man or a volunteer with another source of income. We may be able to supply some expense money but no salary.

There is quite a bit of walking and some climbing involved so the person who comes must be in good physical condition. Other than that our only real requirements are dedication and an ability to meet new people. Some language ability would be helpful but is not necessary.

Paul Vandercook  
Language Missions  
Jackson and Gulf Coast  
Associations

### Appreciation For Pastor

Editor:

The Enon Baptist Church, Walthall County, makes progress under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. W.

P. Blair, who became pastor in March of 1979.

In the later part of 1972 the church borrowed \$60,000 for building a new sanctuary. This money was borrowed for 15 years; however, the debt was paid in full in 6 years with \$30,000 being paid in the year of 1978. And in the meantime the pastor's home was centrally cooled and heated. At the present time the down stairs (10 Sunday school rooms) educational building is being renovated with paneling, carpet and central cooling and heating and is paid for.

In the meantime the mission giving was increased from 10 percent to 15 percent in 1979 for missions with 13 percent for Cooperative Program, with designated gifts increasing. A goal of \$1,100 was reached for the Lotie Moon Christmas Offering. The Sunday School and Training Union average attendance has grown, with 26 additions to the church.

Members praise the Lord for these accomplishments as they seek to do His will.

Mrs. Bobby Roberts

### Christian Education

Editor:

Thank you for your editorials. You contribute much to the information we need and to the betterment of our own thinking and lives. In the February 15 issue you mention the training of tomorrow's leaders. Christian education is important. No one could have grown up in a poorer section of the state nor in a home that was harder hit economically than was my own. However, it was the dream of my parents that Mississippi College would be the place where I would train. My wife trained at Blue Mountain College. These institutions contributed to our own betterment and certainly led us to appreciate the Lord's work more than ever before. It is vitally important that our own Baptist people send their children to Baptist schools. How else will we have leaders in Baptist churches tomorrow? Of course there are other schools, and students from those schools contribute greatly to Baptist work; however, let us maintain Christian education so that we will have teaching that is distinctly the tenets of faith as Jesus set it out.

Sincerely,

Joe Triplett  
Minister of Pastoral Care  
First Church, Jackson

## Book Reviews

**WHEN CAN A CHILD BELIEVE?** by Eugene Chamberlain, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 80 pages, \$1.95.

In conversational style, the author helps parents and teachers face the problems and opportunities in children's religious experiences. Many adults are afraid of pushing children into early professions of faith, while others fear holding them back. Recognizing that most people have trouble determining the validity of young conversion experiences, the author discusses signs children usually demonstrate when under true conviction. There are chapters on talking religion in children's terms instead of the common language of Zion, and building roots which will enrich the teen years. (Reviewed by Rhonda Merriam).

**NAVE'S STUDY BIBLE**, Revised and Expanded Edition, King James Version; Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.; \$24.95.

This volume has retained many features found in the original Nave's Study Bible. Among them are pronunciation aids, alternate translations, chapter summaries at the beginning of each chapter, topical notes in the margins, footnotes, an index, and a concordance.

A number of features have been added. Among these are an outline and index on "The Sovereignty of God: The Master Theme of Holy Scripture," outline and index on "The Holy Trinity and the Covenant of Grace," Old Testament and New Testament cross reference index, a glossary of archaic words and phrases, revised tables of weights and measures, a revised chronology, a geographical gazetteer, and an atlas of Bible maps.

**HIS POWER IN YOU** by John Killinger (Doubleday, \$5.95, 152 pp.) This devotional commentary on the Gospel of Mark combines explanations of the Scripture with short inspirational prayers relevant to specific passages of the Gospel. In 84 concise sections, it guides readers verse-by-verse to a better understanding of the themes of Mark and involves them in personal meditation on those themes. The author is a professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville.

**BIBLE STORY POP-UP BOOKS** by Jim Roberts (Regal, \$2.29 each) This is a series of three books entitled "Jonah," "Jesus Calms the Storm," and "Three Men In A Furnace." These books come alive as the child pulls a tab or turns a page. Bible Story Pop-Up Books are for parents and children to read together or for the youngest child to enjoy alone. Through these books children can learn ways God loved and guided His people.

**AND THEN THERE WAS LOVE** by Ruth Cook (Dorrance, \$5.95, 110 pp.) Mrs. Cook has taken some of the most interesting stories from Genesis and retold them, in her own words. These are human tales, which stimulate one's interest in the Bible. Genealogical charts of the generations of the tribes of Israel are included. The beautiful illustrations are full color photographs taken in the author's back yard in Florida. Scenes are people dressed as Bible characters.

**THE JOY OF SIGNING** by Lottie L. Richehoff (Gospel Publishing House, \$10.95, 336 pages). Over 1300 signs have been clearly illustrated in this guide and are grouped by chapter into their natural categories. Included in the manual are sections on the history of sign language and fingerspelling, the art of signing, language patterns of signs, an illustrated guide for fingerspelling, and a detailed index of all the signs included in the book. The author is on the faculty of the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf, Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.

**THE STRONG-WILLED CHILD** by James Dobson (Tyndale, 240 pp., \$7.95) While some boys and girls tend to be compliant and cooperative, others are born with a temperament of defiance and independence. According to the author of this book, "the self-willed child is a precious human being who needs a special kind of understanding and discipline by his parents." This book is a practical how-to book on discipline of the strong-willed child from birth through adolescence. Dr. Dobson is associated clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. His book, *Dare to Discipline*, has sold over a million copies.

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# Five Conventions To Cooperate In Good News Mississippi Campaign



Richard Porter, President

## East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, like many of its counterparts, was begun in order to give support to a black school, in this case, Meridian Baptist College.

Natchez College was a bit too far, according to convention president Richard Porter of Columbia, so in 1899, some churches pulled out of the General Baptist State Convention to give full support to the college, now known as Meridian Baptist Seminary and which is now an extension of the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville.

In 1940, the college found itself in financial difficulty and a group of men formed a corporation to help. The convention ended up paying off the note and now owns the school.

The seminary operates a child care service that is county-wide in use and has a foster grandparents program in cooperation with the child care program. Porter reports that they are getting into a stage of more specific services for handicapped and senior citizens such as in counseling.

The convention, under Porter's leadership is trying to develop a retirement program for the ministers and a "self-help program where we take 10 percent off receipts to aid smaller churches to do repair work with small loans." Porter estimates about 10 percent of the ministers in his convention get their full income from their pastorates—most have secular jobs to supplement income.

Porter surrendered to preach at age 23 after 37 months in the Army and growing up with parents who took him regularly to Sunday School and church. He surrendered at Antioch Baptist Church in Amite County between Gloster and Liberty—a church which was organized by his great-grandfather who had been a minister in slavery.

He did some graduate work at LSU and did a pastoral internship at East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian. He and his wife have 11 children.

He became pastor of Owens Chapel Baptist Church in 1953. He made it full time and left in 1959 to an older full time church, returning in 1974. Since then, the church has purchased 40 units of low cost subsidized housing and a full time child care operation at the church. Porter attended Leland Baptist College and is a graduate of Southern University, Baton Rouge.

Porter sees Good News Mississippi "as an opportunity to witness to the power of Christ to these hearts having need of change—that's my mission in the world."

He rates his deliverance out of the poverty cycle as "nothing short of a miracle." He says that he received the Good News—"I want those who would despair to have the same hope."

"I'm convinced you could have all the change in the world—social, judicial—but we do not have the lasting change needed among men unless their hearts are changed. And only the power of Christ can change a man's heart," he adds.

Porter is co-chairman, along with Earl Kelly executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, of the Good News Mississippi Committee.

He recalls that more than a year ago Dick Brogan, now president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, invited him to meet Kelly who was then Brogan's boss. Brogan was on the staff of the convention board. "We had a private session and got other black convention presidents together to talk about directions," says Porter. What came out of those meetings is Good News Mississippi.



James Wilson, President

## General Progressive State Convention

The Ministerial Institute and College at West Point is the focus of the ministry of the General Progressive State Convention, led by James Wilson of Tupelo.

The 42 churches which are a part of the convention, running from Guys, Tenn. to West Point, also support the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, which is co-owned by Southern and National Baptists in the state, operating a number of extension centers covering the state.

Allied with the National Baptist Convention of America, the state convention meets twice yearly. It recently sent a van load of clothes to needy people in India and Africa through its national Foreign Mission Board. Every year it sends a group to the national Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress—this year to Chicago. "It's a school of methods," says Wilson, who is in his second elected two year term.

He finished an unexpired term of his predecessor and when elected, he recommended that presidents only be elected twice. That means he'll leave office next year.

The convention has several auxiliaries—senior women's department, Brotherhood, youth department, usher board, state choirs, and junior women's department. There are no employees, not even the president.

President Wilson is full time pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church in Tupelo. The second Sunday in February marked his 18th year there. Back then, the church was located "across the tracks," he recalls. The property was purchased for the downtown mall and the church moved.

Since then, the church has grown. There's a regular attendance of about 400. The church calendar stays full. Sundays there are morning and evening services, plus Sunday School and BTU. Only on Monday nights are there no regular meetings scheduled. The pastor teaches the Sunday School teachers at 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Twice a month, the leadership takes the youth out for recreation. And every second Sunday of the month, Wilson takes a missionary society group and a couple of deacons with him to the Belle Vista unit of the hospital to visit the shut-ins.

Wilson explains that he's divided the congregation among the deacons for family ministry, but "We haven't gotten it off the ground yet," he says.

He's a member of the Masons and Shriners and of the Great Tupelo Ministerial Association. He has the bachelor of theology degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary, along with an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Born in Vernon, Ala., Wilson accepted the Lord as savior at age 11 and would have begun preaching at 16, but "I held back on the lord," he says, "I made up for it though, I think."

He began sharecropping and family raising. Then he rented a farm and finally bought his own. "Everything I put my hand to, the Lord prospered," he recalls. He finally gave in at age 30. That was 37 years ago. At age 67, "I'm in my prime now—might come in at about 75," he laughs.

Rising Star will have revival April 29-May 6, with H. L. Gladney of Okolona preaching. Several others in the convention will also participate, he says.

"If I could get our people out there really moving in the streets, we could win the city to Christ," says Wilson, who is planning door-to-door witnessing teams before the revival.

He's glad to participate with other groups in Good News Mississippi. "A united effort makes it much stronger," he says. "United we stand..."



David Matthews, President

## General Missionary State Baptist Convention

David Matthews of Indianola reports that the General Missionary State Baptist Convention voted in its meeting last fall to take part in Good News Mississippi. "We want to cooperate in every way possible," he said, "in this evangelism effort in Mississippi."

Matthews is president of the convention, the largest of ten National Baptist conventions in the state. Though the convention has some churches in the central part of the state and a few in the east, it is strongest along the western boundary.

The 91-year-old convention has 46 associations. "The decision on whether or not to hold a revival during the time of simultaneous revivals in April is, of course, left up to the individual church—as it is with the Southern Baptist church. I believe a good many of our churches will be having revivals, but I can't be sure of the number," Matthews said.

He added, "Stranger's Home Church in Greenwood, where I am pastor, will have a revival the last week of April." He is also pastor of the Bell Grove Church at Indianola.

The General Missionary State Baptist Convention sponsors Natchez Junior College. "The main purposes of our convention," President Matthews said, "are to establish educational institutions, to provide fellowship among the churches and associations, and to take particular issues and deal with them. For example, the messages of a single convention meeting might center around one issue, such as dope or murder."

Also the convention cooperates with the home and foreign mission programs of the National Baptist Convention, USA, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Penn., in such ministries as mission stations in Africa, a camp in Michigan, Baptist Student Union building in Washington, D. C., and a publishing house in Nashville.

Matthews said, "We have very large attendance at our Sunday School and Training Union Congresses, both state and national."

He pointed out that the different conventions of National Baptists in the state vary little in their doctrinal beliefs. In days when the conventions were organized, most of the people had no means of transportation to far-away places, so groups just grew naturally in different areas, wherever the most people could congregate.

David Matthews was converted and baptized at the age of 12 at St. John's Church six miles from Indianola, and began preaching when he was 19. Born near Indianola, he has lived most of his life there. His present home is at 700 Old Inverness Road, almost directly across the street from Gentry High School in Indianola, where he teaches American government and economics. He is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

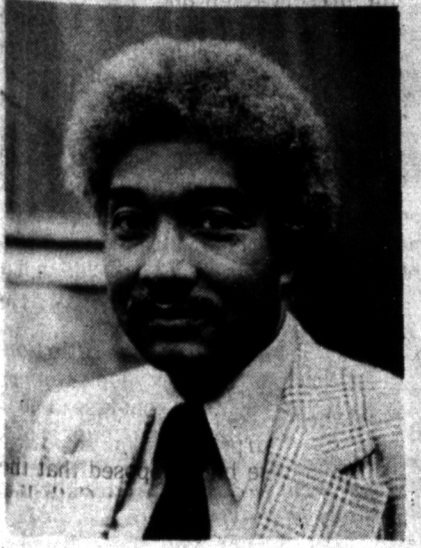
His wife, the former Lillian Banks of Amite County, is a teacher in the elementary school at Inverness. Their daughter, Denise, a sophomore at Ole Miss, plans to major in some phase of medicine.

Matthews was elected president of the convention in 1974, and re-elected in 1976. Officers are elected for two years and the president, rather than the executive secretary, is the executive officer.

Z. P. Johnson of Jackson is the executive secretary; C. H. Moreland of Greenville is the state evangelism chairman. Blanche Upton of Port Gibson is state president of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary and Amanda Turner of Jackson is the secretary. The women have around 600 organized missionary groups.

"When our convention meets again on March 15, we certainly will give Good News Mississippi another big push," Matthews declared.

"And I will be at the rally on March 23." He will be master of ceremonies.



Coleman Crawford, Jr., President

## North Mississippi Baptist Educational Convention

The North Mississippi Baptist Educational Convention was organized in 1885 for the purpose indicated in its name. The purpose was to foster a high school for blacks in Panola, Tate, DeSoto, Tunica and Marshall Counties.

In 1902, according to convention president Coleman Crawford, Jr., the convention purchased a school in Hernando, which was the only high school for blacks in that vicinity until 1955. "The convention membership plummeted then from over 100 churches, to the present 40. "Now the school provides a religious education for everybody," says Coleman, who became president of the convention in 1972 for an indefinite term. The school, Baptist Industrial School of Religion, offers Old and New Testament courses, doctrine, church administration, and Christian education.

Crawford reports that the convention has plans to get some low cost housing on the school grounds. If that doesn't work out, he says, they'll put up a playground.

The convention cooperates with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and its Foreign Mission Board. The state convention has an evangelist board, women's auxiliary, foreign board, usher board, various choirs, a laymen's department and a yearly Congress of Christian Education.

Crawford is pastor of two churches, one in Memphis, Grace Baptist Church, and one just east of Coldwater, Fredonia Baptist Church. Grace is his full time church. The Fredonia church meets for Sunday School each week, but he only preaches there twice a month.

Fredonia, founded in 1868 by ex-slaves, is a part of the North Mississippi Baptist Educational Convention. "In our Christian education department, we are training soulwinners—adults and young people," says Crawford. The church has a Youth for Christian and Community Action group which witnesses and does community service projects.

Crawford began preaching there once a month in 1964, preaching twice monthly beginning a few years ago. The native-born Mississippian, now 47, was raised just east of Grenada. He went to high school in Henderson, N. C., and joined the Navy during the Korean War before graduating.

He took his GED, high school equivalency exam to get a diploma and went to trade school to learn tailoring. His father's influence pulled him into preaching. It was while riding to a church his father was pastor of that he felt called to preach. His dad has four churches until he gave up two a year ago. He's 93 and four churches was just too much for him.

Crawford later got a bachelor's degree from Lemoine-Owen College in Memphis and was called to Grace church in 1962. He and his wife Roberta have two sons.

Both of his churches will have April revivals. He says there's a new feeling in many churches toward soulwinning. "There's been a lack of evangelistic furor in black churches as a whole," he says. People could raise money, but many became structure oriented.

Crawford says that's why he spends so much time with young people, "to channel that fervor to soulwinning."

Evangelical leaders here place a



Bill Causey, President

## Mississippi Baptist Convention

Bill Causey, elected last year as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is pastor of what he calls "a people church."

Parkway Baptist in Jackson, according to Causey, develops its ministries out of the needs of people. For instance, they started a bus ministry, "before bus ministries became popular," he says. They rented city buses for weekend pick-ups. Still today, the buses bring in about 180 people each week, preceded by Saturday visitation.

The day care program and kindergarten have about 300 children enrolled. Causey says the activity program began as a need response. Parkway was the first Baptist church in the state to have two worship services on Sunday mornings—beginning more than 30 years ago.

Today the church is in the middle of a major building program that will leave them with two sanctuaries. The 3,500 members average their Sunday School attendance at about 1,200 each Sunday.

Causey is only the fourth pastor the church has had. It began in the mid-20's as the result of a tent revival. Causey came the first time as assistant pastor of Norman Price, now on the Foreign Mission Board staff.

Causey, a Greenville native, son of "a steady church-going solid family of conservative Baptist belief," went to Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., intending to complete a doctorate. "I would have except Gaines Dobbins influenced me," recalls Causey, who, after receiving a master of divinity degree, went to Parkway for two years.

Then he became pastor of Poplar Springs Drive church in Meridian for nearly seven years and returned to Parkway as pastor in 1963. "And there hasn't been a let-up since," he says.

"God called me and I really personally am not willing to spend my life without seriously attempting to do what he called me to do," says Causey. "I have never felt called to do anything other than the pastoral ministry—that included being 'on mission' for the whole of my life."

The church uses the leadership institute-type approach to witness training and staffer Danny Watkins is organizing members into neighborhood groups for fellowship and visitation assignments—they visit later, making reports at the next meeting. Causey says that two groups so far are working out "extremely well."

Causey says he believes that Baptists can, indeed, fulfill the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust: "To give everybody in the nation the opportunity to respond to the gospel by 1982." He says, I believe we have the know-how and the resources financially and with personnel (lay persons and pastors), to get the job done in three years.

He believes that Good News Mississippi—the evangelistic campaign corresponding statewide to the national thrust—can make an impact on Mississippi. That is dependent "on the warmth of the fellowship. Many will be assimilated into the church," he says.

He adds, "But we need to be willing to speak up—in the restaurant, the office—putting the gospel in the marketplace."



Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the past five years, had an early introduction to the way people will respond to the gospel message. The first summer after he'd entered the ministry, his lifetime pastor became ill and asked Kelly to take his summer rural church fields.

A summer revival message was concluded by Kelly with the words "You have a need of salvation. Jesus loved you enough to die for you on the cross. He will save you if you will commit your life to him. I know that because I have tried it."

At the end of the week, he baptized 27 people in a stock pond. "I learned then that the lost are all around us," recalls Kelly, "and that they will respond to the gospel of salvation if some concerned Christian will take time to give them direction."

Kelly says his first great lesson came when he was able to witness to and win a black yardkeeper who knew practically nothing about the gospel. "That experience taught me that there are lost people all around us in both the black and white community and that they can be won if they are confronted with the simple message of salvation," he says.

Kelly's entry into the state Baptist work made him think of the common heritage of black and white Baptist bodies having the same theology and beliefs in the Bible. "In essence, we were running on parallel tracks, but there was quite a difference between the two communities," he says.

Meetings with black convention presidents—and there are nine of them—took place over several years. But despite fragmentation, "we discovered that we were concerned for the lost of the state whether they were black or white." He says. Surveys revealed between 850,000-940,000 lost people in the state.

"We came to the conclusion," says Kelly, that if the masses were to be won, it could best be won by an all-out effort of the various homogeneous groups. We also agreed that there must be advanced preparation."

Thus was the formation of Good News Mississippi as a joint effort. "To my knowledge, this is the first cooperative effort to ever take place among the various Baptist conventions of the state," says Kelly.

Kelly reports that he's making plans for some kind of follow-up to determine how successful the simultaneous revivals have been at the conclusion of the April efforts.

As to the future of this evangelistic thrust in Mississippi, Kelly admits that less is planned that was originally hoped.

"We feel that the entire effort awakened both the black and white community to the fact that black churches and white churches are deeply concerned about lost people. Unity of concern is a step in the right direction."

Kelly continues, "The joint effort is only a beginning. We feel that communication has been established, and at some point in the near future, we can begin planning an even larger thrust to win the masses."

## Brazilian Youth Meet Reaches Thousands

SAO PAULO, Brazil—More than 4,000 teenagers participated in a week of intensive discipleship training during the Generation '79 conference held here from Jan. 29-Feb. 4. Jointly sponsored by Youth For Christ and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the venture included public addresses, discussion groups, seminars and witnessing.

Evangelical leaders here place a

high priority upon discipleship training of the country's growing number of Christian young people. With 70 percent of the nation's population under 25 years of age, the churches see the need to gear to reach that age group.

Climax to the discipleship session was a Sunday morning worship service when Nilson Fanini, Brazilian evangelist and member of the Lausanne Committee for World

Evangelization, challenged the young people to surrender their lives fully to Jesus Christ. Almost half of the crowd, indicated a positive response.

At the evangelistic rally held on the concluding Sunday afternoon, Billy Graham addressed the crowd of 60,000 in the Morumbi Stadium. Hundreds responded to the public invitation to profess personal faith in Jesus Christ.



## WMU Enlistment: "No Substitute For One To One Relationship"

Enlistment of more women in the missionary organizations of the church is a major goal of Baptist Women's Year in the Church, this year. With that goal in mind the state Woman's Missionary Union sponsored 12 enlistment/enlargement workshops across the state Feb. 15-22.

A total of 315 women attended the workshops, held in Long Beach, Poplarville, Collins, Natchez, Hazlehurst, Newton, Houston, Booneville, Holly Springs, Cleveland, Belzoni, and Kosciusko.

Workshop leaders were WMU staff members — Marjean Patterson, executive director, and Marilyn Hopkins, Ethel McKeithen, Becky Briscoe, and Waudine Storey, consultants.

One fact particularly stressed was that churches should consider organizing Baptist Women groups that will fit into the schedules of working women. Waudine Storey, who led the workshop at First Church, Long Beach, pointed out that a survey should be taken in the church to find out what women are available as WMU prospects (whether working or not working), and to find out when they are available, and what types of mission groups they are interested in.

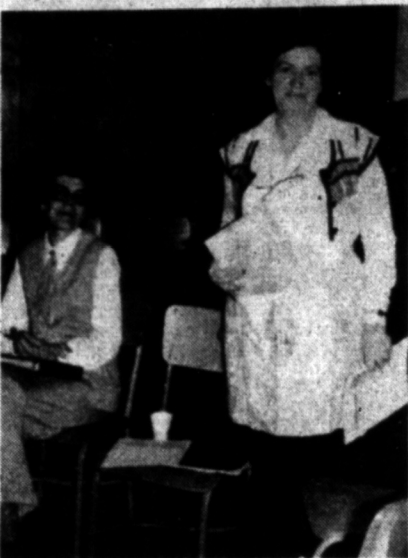
Also she suggested, "Cultivate the Sunday School teachers of children. They would be excellent leaders of missionary organizations for children." Mission education is a vital part of the total church ministry," she added.

One of the women in the workshop quickly responded, "That is why I am involved in WMU work. It is the only organization in our church that teaches just missionary education."

Another woman said, "WMU helps us accept the challenge of the Great Commission and to be involved in missions around the world."



Waudine Storey, right, consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, shares enlistment materials with a group of Gulf Coast women. Miss Storey led the WMU enlistment/enlargement workshop at First Church, Long Beach, on Feb. 15.



Mrs. Tiny Ferguson of Belle Aire Church, and district WMU director, Gulf Coast, models an enlistment apron. It has an applique WMU monogram and a pocket for carrying WMU magazines to a new Baptist Women member.

### "It Took A Heart Attack"

Some have never known Sunday like it. Not for more than thirty-four years had Sunday School started without him. But Sunday, February 11, 1979 was different. Boyce Cook was not in Sunday School.



In July 1944, Cook began his record attendance in the Sunday School of Star Baptist Church. Now, at the age of 74, Cook's perfect attendance record has been broken. It took a heart attack to do it. A two week stay in Baptist Hospital was the only thing that could have kept him from church.

Men and women with the dedication of Mr. Cook are hard to find today, says Jimmy Harrington, pastor of Star. "He loves his church very much, and he is a great inspiration to all those in his Sunday School class and the church in general," says Harrington.

### Success At Laurel

First Church, Laurel, has had some unusually good experiences recently in enlistment of women and children in missionary organizations.

Marjean Patterson interviewed Mrs. Vince Scoper, WMU director of First Church, Laurel, and Jones County Association WMU director. The taped interview was used as a part of the program in each enlistment workshop.

Mrs. Scoper said that for one particular Bible study group of Baptist Women, about 21 women turned up. This was too many for one group, so an all-out effort was made to enlist enough to divide into two groups. Within 10 days, 16 had been enlisted from within the Baptist Women age level of the church roll.

Some, she said, had previously been in Baptist Young Women, but had gotten too old for that and had "fallen by the wayside" or got "lost in the shuffle."

She said, "It took a little time to sit down with some young women in their early 30's and convince them that WMU was not just a bunch of old ladies, but that it would be a good idea for them to associate with one of our study or prayer groups."

Mrs. Scoper said she enlisted one woman on the tennis court, another who sat beside her in prayer meeting, and two across her backyard fence.

She sees a need for an enlistment director to be added to the WMU Council. "We added a mission action director," she said. "She took a survey of community needs, and called a meeting of those interested in helping. Expecting six or seven she got 60! That meant three mission action groups, who are trying to do three projects well, rather than a whole lot of projects halfway. Women came to take part in this mission action who had never been to WMU before."

Concerning the GAs and Acteens, Mrs. Scoper said, "We are a large group of participating young people and girls. But if you look at the Sunday School roll, we could have about twice as many. And, face it, if we doubled the number of young people coming to the mission organizations, there would be that many more parents coming to prayer meeting! And kids coming on Wednesday nights might be more interested in coming on Sunday morning. Enlistment helps the whole church program."

Miss Patterson commented, "You experienced the results of the one-to-one relationship. Right?"

There is no substitute for the one-to-one relationship," Mrs. Scoper agreed, "whether in evangelism or enlistment or over in politics or business. You will not win a woman unless you show her that your interest in her is real, that you are sincere in your motivation."

"I don't think we can approach people with the idea that we are just trying to add numbers to the roll. Rather they have a contribution to make to the mission program of the church and our WMU can make a contribution to the enrichment of their own spiritual lives."

## 300 Women Meet To Pray

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food, before lunch.

### Music

Music included hymns of aspiration, testimony and discipleship. Becky Briscoe, consultant, Mississippi WMU, Jackson, directed the singing. Mrs. Lois Henderson of Clinton and Mrs. Annie Newson of Laurel presented special music. Miss Benny Hill was accompanist and Mrs. Doris Gamblin of Prentiss was pianist.

### Lifestyle Evangelism

Laura Fry, Atlanta, the Home Mission Board's first national evangelism consultant for women, talked about sharing one's faith, as a lifestyle.

(See article on p. 4, on "Lifestyle Evangelism.")

### Appraisals

Mrs. Mamie Shields of Coffeeville, National Baptist, later gave her appraisal of the event:

"I must say that the retreat was wonderful! It will long be remembered as one of the rewarding moments of my life. I think the retreat was well worthwhile for those who attended (there were 29 of us from the Mt. Moriah District Association)."

"The prayers, the songs, the speakers were very impressive and inspiring to me. I believe every person was motivated to do more in spreading the Good News of what God can do if we pray and let him have full control in our lives to reach others through us."



Shields

Martha Nelson, Southern Baptist pastor's wife at First, Pelahatchie, gave her reaction to the retreat:

"BOLD MISSION THRUST has captured my imagination. I believe our goal of sharing the Good News with every creature on the face of the earth by the year 2,000 is altogether possible."



Nelson

"The prayer retreat at Garaywa further reassured me. It was a needed reminder that we Southern Baptists are not the only Christians entrusted with the Gospel who are trying to win the world for our Lord."

"One of the most radiant persons on hand for the retreat was Miss Emogene Harris, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from Nigeria. She was a needed reminder, also."

"In small clusters of eight to ten women we made spiritual acquaintance with one another that day. Describing ourselves in terms of our families, our work and our participation in church and denomination life, I

was reminded how very much we have in common. The same gifts our Lord has given me and my friends to use in doing His work. He has given other Christian women also."

"As we shared something of our spiritual pilgrimage, I found the list of what we have in common growing lengthy indeed."

"Representing countless congregations across the state, we became one congregation for a day. Earnestly, attentively, prayerfully we responded to challenges to be our best selves under God, to make ourselves available to God and to take advantage of our God-given opportunities to verbalize our faith."

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New York, February 23 — By the end of 1978, at least one book of the Bible had been published in 1,660 of the world's languages and distinct dialects, according to the American Bible Society's annual Scripture count.



Leaders on the platform at the prayer retreat included Mrs. Alma Barnes, president, Women's Auxiliary, East Mississippi State Baptist Convention, Laurel; Mrs. Margaret Perkins, Birmingham, leader of the Bible study; Mrs. Frances Smira, Jackson, president, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. Elma Robinson, president, Women's Auxiliary, Northeast Mississippi State Baptist Convention, Starkville.

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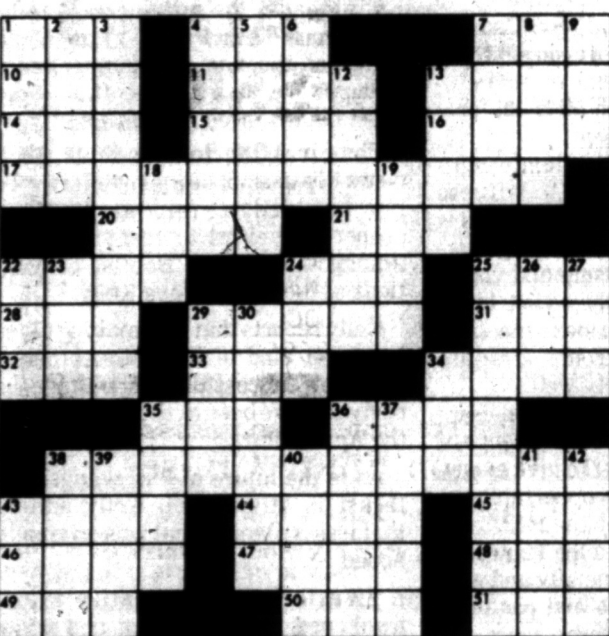
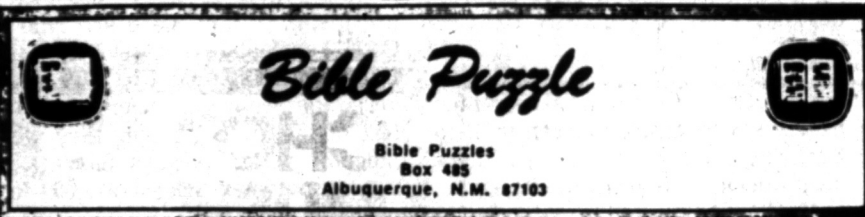
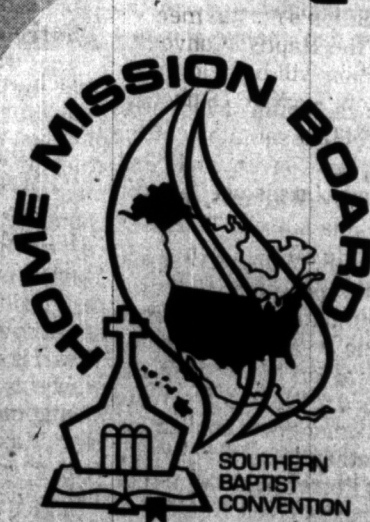
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47 Woman's name  
48 Oriental money  
49 Measures: abbr.  
50 Man's nickname  
51 Red or Black

### DOWN

1 Fallow (Deut. 14:5)  
2 Monster  
3 "slothful man — not" (Prov. 12)  
4 Sierra —  
5 Died at 34 (Gen. 11:16; poss.)  
6 Kind of club  
7 Margarine  
8 Marshall —  
9 Dine  
12 Once more  
13 Over the camels (1 Chron. 27:30)  
18 Vase  
19 Taunt  
22 Day: abbr.  
23 Bank term: abbr.  
24 Electrical term: abbr.  
25 "charity and —" (1 Tim. 2)  
26 — carte  
27 Medical degree: abbr.  
29 Dash  
30 Disguised  
34 — King Cole  
35 "whether — or woof" (Lev. 13)  
36 "as a — shall it come" (Luke 21)  
37 Paget's father (Num. 1:13)  
38 Quarrel  
39 "with the — horn" (Josh. 6)  
40 "an — is nothing" (1 Cor. 8)  
41 Dirk  
42 Explosive one  
43 Kind of places (Luke 11:24)

### ACROSS

1 "borders of — on the west" (Josh. 11)  
4 "Little Women" character  
7 Poetic word  
10 Self  
11 "he is — to keep" (3 Tim. 1)  
13 Water pot  
14 Time period  
15 Same as tin  
16 "and they — him also" (Luke 20)  
17 At the last day (John 11:24)  
20 Three in Madrid  
21 Little (Deut. 14:16)  
22 Manner  
24 Most of arise  
25 "as Jesus — appointed" (Matt. 26)  
26 Canadian province: abbr.  
29 Ant  
31 "After I am waxed —" (Gen. 18)  
32 Degree of a sort  
33 "is cast into the —" (Prov. 16)  
34 Palm leaves  
35 Used to be  
36 Direction in chorus music  
38 Gift (Matt. 2:11)  
43 Beloved  
44 Tower (Gen. 35:21)  
45 Entomology: abbr.  
46 "and the whole —" (Lev. 3)

### CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: L equals B

Answers on p. 7



# Dare to Ask

More than 2,800 Southern Baptists dared to ask what their part in home missions was. They found their role as missionaries representing their churches throughout the United States. During the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 4-11, 1979, more than 13 million other Southern Baptists must dare to ask that question as well. Do you dare to serve? To support with prayer? To participate through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
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Cornelius Barnes gave his summer vacation to be a student missionary in Louisville, Kentucky. Working with inner-city children, Cornelius met the challenge of sharing the good news with the children on their level, even if it meant climbing to the top of a jungle gym set. This year \$300,000 is allocated for summer student missionaries such as Cornelius.



Ed Wolfe is director of associational missions based in Anchorage, Alaska. His job takes him on frequent visits to churches in his association nurturing the new, undergirding the old, challenging those in transition. For associational missions \$1,650,000 is allocated.



Keith and Louise Hale uprooted their lives in Texas and went to Worsley, Alberta, Canada, to begin ministries to the unchurched community. The church has begun to grow so that a new building is now being erected. The Worsleys are missions volunteers. The initial allocation for volunteer involvement is \$55,000. If the entire \$15,000,000 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is reached, even more money will be applied to support Mission Service Corps and other short-term mission volunteers.



Bea Cagle thought she didn't know anyone who couldn't read. But as soon as she had undergone literacy training, she found people knocking on her door begging her to help them learn to read. Literacy missions is one facet of Christian social ministries for which \$1,600,000 of the Easter Offering is allocated.



Walt Arnold (right), a championship calf roper based in Silverton, Texas, at first was afraid other cowboys would laugh if he tried to share his testimony of Christ's place in his life. But witnessing became too important to Walt, and now he doesn't care if they laugh... but they don't. Lay witnessing is one of the many evangelism projects for which \$800,000 is allocated.

**Dare to ask.**  
**Dare to give.**

## Names In The News . . .

Linda Jenkins recently observed her 22nd anniversary as church secretary at First Church, Yazoo City (February 15, 1957-February 15, 1979). She began her work under the ministry of Harold A. Shirley and has served during the entire ministry of James F. Yates, present pastor. She serves in the capacity of church secretary, receptionist and pastor's secretary. Miss Jenkins is one of the Mississippi secretaries registered to attend the National Conference for Church Secretaries in Nashville, April 23-26.

Vicki Dunwoody, Memphis, spoke to GA's and Mission Friends at Hernando Church recently. She was a missionary in Ghana, West Africa, last summer. Acel Stallings, GA director, DeSoto Association, said, "We had been studying about a medical caravan in Argentina, so hearing Miss Dunwoody, a student nurse, really added to our study." Marie Cozart and Patti Manning are the GA leaders at Hernando and Marsha Norwood is the Mission Friends leader.

Mike Catt is now serving the Pisgah Church of Spartanburg, S. C. as minister of youth. Pisgah is the fastest growing church in South Carolina and is in the top 1% of the fastest growing churches in America. Catt has been there since January of 1979. He has served as minister of youth in Mississippi, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, and now South Carolina. He is a 1975 graduate of Mississippi College and has attended Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City. He is a native of Pascagoula. The pastor of Pisgah is Fred Lowery.

Del Aven of First Church, Oxford, is author of a new Broadman Press book designed for small children, *God Has Special Places*. Her daughter, Debra, illustrated the book.

Phil Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Myers of First Church, Ellisville is the writer of the Church Training materials for older children, ages 10-11, this quarter, including Pupil's Quarterly, Teacher's Book, and Resource Kit. Myers is minister of education at Parkway Church, Natchez.

DALLAS (BP) — William E. Thorn, president of Dallas Baptist College since 1976, has resigned effective June 1.

Thorn became president of the financially troubled college May 15, 1975. He led the school to successful completion of a \$2.9 million financial campaign, which was launched with contributions from Dallas Baptist Association.

Robert and Ronnie Erwin, missionaries to Brazil, have returned to the field (address: Caixa 200, 17600 Tupa SP, Brazil). He was born in Florence, Ala., and grew up in Tennessee, living in Oak Ridge and Knox County. She is the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler of Sandersville, Miss.

Bob and Jan Salley from Waco, Tex. presented a concert of gospel music at First Church, Yazoo City, on Wednesday night, March 7. The Salleys represent World Hunger Relief, Inc., a Christian, non-profit organization founded in May 1976 to promote awareness of world hunger and to raise money to alleviate this problem. Bob and Jan have been singing together since their marriage in 1964 and have traveled extensively throughout the Southwest presenting concerts in churches and on college campuses.

New York (RNS) — Franco Zeffirelli's award-winning film, "Jesus of Nazareth," will again be shown on NBC Television this year, but with expanded footage never before seen on U.S. television. It will be shown this year in four segments of two hours each, on the evenings of April 1, 2, 3, and 8.

## Staff Changes

Bob Hill is the new pastor of Calvary Church, Cleveland. Hill, his wife Hilda, and their children, Glenn and Nancy, now reside at 1513 Deering Street, Cleveland. They are welcomed by Calvary with a fellowship and bonding. The Hills moved to Calvary from the Pleasant Ridge Church, Dumas.

Wayne Crenshaw has accepted the pastorate of Liberty Church, Flowood. He was formerly pastor of Temple Church, Jackson, for eight years. Liberty members welcomed Crenshaw and his wife and son John on Sunday night, Feb. 25, with an after-church fellowship. Crenshaw, who has been in the ministry for 30 years, succeeds Harold McLendon at Liberty.

M'Lang, Philippines — A Manobo tribal village near M'lang, Philippines, has recorded 300 professions of faith in the past six months. More than 700 other new believers were recorded in surrounding areas during the same time, according to Thurman C. Braughton of Oklahoma, Southern Baptist missionary evangelist there. These believers are on the island of Mindanao, one of the most responsive areas to Christian witness in the world.

**BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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"Blessed be the Lord God" (Psa. 108:48).

For Students And Young Adults

## Tour To Offer Missions Experiences In Caribbean

An eight-day tour of the Caribbean open to Baptist students and young adults and designed to provide overseas missions experiences has been scheduled for departure from Jackson June 7, 1979. Planned in consultation with the Foreign Mission Board's Laymen Overseas office, the tour is limited to rising high school juniors and seniors and college and career persons under twenty-five.

Each applicant must have pastor's recommendation and be willing to serve as a resource person during the 1979 Foreign Mission Graded Series studies on the Caribbean.

The itinerary includes islands with French, British, and Spanish cultures — Guadeloupe, Antigua and Dominica Republic — and each stop features missions experiences and points of special interest to Southern Baptists.

Paul Tapp, minister of music and youth, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, and his wife Sharon, owner of a Jackson book store, will escort the group.

A communications workshop on the last day of the tour will aid participants in preparing to share their experiences. To encourage creativity in communicating regarding BOLD MISSION THRUST, an award is offered for the best news article, essay, song, poem, poster or photo depicting missions in the Caribbean, and outstanding entries will be submitted for publication.

CARING TOUCH, a voluntary mission support service, is coordinating the tour. Further details may be secured from Paul Tapp or Martha Nelson, CARING TOUCH, coordinator, P. O. Box 355, Pelahatchie, MS 39145.

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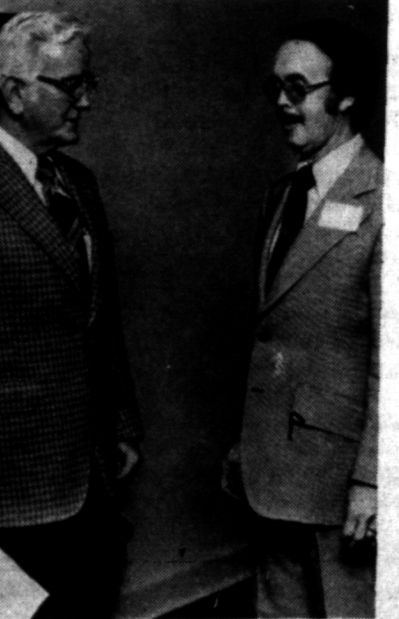
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Elmo McLaurin, right, of Meridian, was one of more than 20 state alumni presidents who attended a meeting of state and national alumni officers at New Orleans Seminary Feb. 8 and 9. McLaurin is minister of education of the Highland Church, Meridian. He is shown here discussing future alumni plans with Seminary President Landrum Leavell. The two-day conference is held annually to formulate plans and proposals which will be brought before the national alumni organization in June at the association's annual meeting, held during the Baptist Convention. The Convention will be held this summer in Houston. — (NOBTS photo by Jimmy McFatter)

William and Cathy Williams, missionaries to Colombia since 1977, resigned Jan. 31. He was born in Wuerzburg, Germany, where his father was stationed while in the U.S. Army, and also lived in Alaska, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and Georgia. The former Cathy Northcutt, daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, she was born in Columbus, Ga., and also lived in Louisiana, Costa Rica and Peru. They may be addressed at 5000 Armour Rd., Apt. 7B, Columbus, Ga. 31904.



Richard "Jerry" Kennedy, right, pins the chief's bars onto the shoulders of Bruce Worrell, making him the new chief of the Campus Police Department at New Orleans Seminary. The change of command of the police force came when Kennedy, a third-year Master of Divinity Degree student, resigned to become pastor of the Walnut Grove Church, Walnut Grove, Miss. He will graduate from the seminary in May, and is a native of Montgomery, Ala. Worrell, a second-year Master of Divinity degree student, currently is available for supply and revival opportunities, and is a native of Ackerman, Miss. — (NOBTS photo by Jimmy McFatter)



# Newport Will Lead McComb's Coming Conference On Cults

First Church, McComb, will sponsor the Southwest Mississippi Conference on Cults March 11-14, announced J. B. Fowler, pastor.



Newport

The conference leader will be John Newport, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwest Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Sunday, March 11, Newport will speak at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13, he will speak at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 14, he will speak at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, March 12, there will be a special conference for church staffs at 10 a.m. All of the sessions will be held at First Church, McComb.

"The events involving the different

cults over the past few years have become a major concern for many Americans," Fowler pointed out. "The tragedy in Guyana, when the followers of Jim Jones took part in the mass suicide, focused the nation's attention on the problems of the cults."

He added, "The cults are posing a real challenge to Christianity. The people involved in the cults are very active in selling their wares and trying to draw our youth into the cults. The Christian community must know these false teachers and their doctrines. It is only through this knowledge that we will be able to combat the false doctrine of the cults and protect our homes and families."

Newport is considered by many as one of the foremost authorities on the cults in the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is a graduate of William Jewell College and received the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He has an M.A. degree from Texas Christian University and Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. He has done advanced study at Harvard, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, Tulane University, Tulsa University, University of Basel, Switzerland, and the University of Zurich. He has pastored churches in Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Clinton, Mississippi.

He is the author of eight books. These include one on the occult, "Demons, Demons, Demons" and one on the cults, "Christ and the New Consciousness Groups."

The public is invited to the conference sessions.

## Oakland Meet Features Major Ian Thomas

Tommy Vinson, pastor of Oakland Church, Corinth, announces that the church will have a Christian Life Conference, March 11-16.

The speaker will be Major Ian Thomas, founder and general director of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship of Torchbearers, Capernwray Hall, England. Major Thomas has an international itinerary; and is the author of "The Saving Life of Christ, If I Perish, I Perish, and The Ministry of Godliness."

Services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, and 12 noon and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Nursery will be provided for all evening services.

## Bolivar Fellowship Plans Agricultural Missions Meeting

The Bolivar County Agricultural Missions Fellowship will meet March 17 at 7 p.m. at Boyle Church, Eugene Grubbs of the Bolivar Mission Board, SBC, will speak. Billy Beckett is the pastor.

SBC will provide for all evening services.

## Devotional Christian Ecology

By Bill Causey, Pastor, Parkway, Jackson  
I John 3:23 and 4:12, 15 and 16

A great deal is written and said these days about our environment. Concern is often expressed that we may destroy the desirable quality of life for all living things. John speaks of dwelling or living in God as the Christian's appropriate environment. As a map tells the traveler the way to his destination, so the Bible tells us how to live in God; and to have Him live in us.

I. Obey His commands (I John 3:24a). Faith which merely means acquiescence that certain things are true leads nowhere and does not effect wholesome changes in a life. Jesus said "whoever hears my words and doeth them" is a wise man. (Luke 7:46-49).

II. Experience His Spirit (I John 3:24b). The communicator of this new relationship is the Holy Spirit. God has given man a capacity for this relational awareness so that a certainty exists in his life. He not only knows God but knows that he knows. (John 2:3).

III. Love each other (I John 4:12). Calvary opened a window in the heart of God and let us see what God's heart had been like all along. The discovery of this love makes us know what it is and how to love others.

IV. Acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God (I John 4:15). In this acknowledgment there is discovery. God is on the other end. This is no second hand religious experience; this is discovering God for oneself. You may say that you do not believe in that experience but all you have really said is that you haven't had it! Christians know they have met Him.

V. Live in Love (I John 4:16). This must become a way of life for the Christian. "What you are speaks so loud I can't hear what you are saying" is an old adage, but points to the quality of our lives.

All the above speak of living in God and God's living in us. It is Christian mysticism at its best — a union of the worshiper with God. In pagan religions the mystic loses his identity and selfhood. In Christian mysticism the worshiper truly finds himself; and further finds, that beyond all the fondest expectations of the human race, he has become a child of God! It is his true environment. He was made for it!



Causey



## 1st, Amory Presents Bible Drill Bibles

On Sunday night, Feb. 4, fifteen children of First Church, Amory were presented official Bible Drill Bibles with their names in gold letters on the front. The pastor, Jim Futral, presented Bibles to children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade Church Training group who had learned the 66 books of the Bible. Curtis Lewellen, Church Training director, led the children in demonstrating the opening exercise of a Children's Bible Drill.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Matt Boyd, Tracey Lyons, Laura Mullins, Melodi Futral, Nancy Greenhaw, Alysia Wright; 2nd row, Mylenn Johnson, Lesa Thompson, Nowl English, Allen Hodo, Jane Lewis; 3rd row, Teresa Acree, Ken Stevens, Robert Pickle, Lori Lewellen; back row, Jim Futral and Curtis Lewellen. Bible Drill Leaders are Mrs. Roger Dorsett, Mrs. Thomas Greer, Steve Sanderson, and Donna Funderburg.

A "lock-in" with games, recreation and Bible Drill practice is planned for these children in March to help prepare them for the church Bible Drill in April.

## Gulf Coast Volunteers Get Ready To Build On Barbados

The Gulf Coast Association has accepted a Bold Mission challenge to carry out a project on Barbados. The purpose of the project is to build an addition to the Barbados Baptist College, to witness in neighboring villages, and to teach Bible at night.

Volunteers for the project have responded well. Training began Feb. 26 at Handsboro Church. An associational commissioning service will be held on March 11, in the chapel at First Church, Gulfport, at 2:30 p.m.

The team will leave Gulfport on March 12, and go by way of New Orleans, Miami, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Return will be March 22 via San Juan, with arrival in New Orleans at 1:25 p.m. on March 23.

## Inzers Of Nevada Are Guests At Yazoo "Missions Night Out"

A MISSIONS NIGHT OUT was held in Yazoo County Association, sponsored by the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union of the association. The event was held Monday night, March 5.

The evening began with a supper in the Activities Building of First Church, Yazoo City. Featured speaker for the evening was LaVern Inzer, home missionary to the state of Nevada. He and Mrs. Inzer are on their 14th annual tour to promote home mis-

sions in churches during the emphasis on the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Tom H. Raggett, layman at First Church, Yazoo City, is Director of Baptist Men in Yazoo County. Mrs. James F. Yates, pastor's wife from First Church, Yazoo City; is associational WMU director. Lavon Hatten is director of missions for Yazoo and Warren Associations.

## Pastor's Wife Is Injured In Accident

A. A. Ward and his wife of Madden, had a car accident Feb. 13 near Union that seriously injured Mrs. Ward. She was confined in the Baptist Medical Center until Feb. 28. She has been transferred to the Thaggard Hospital, Madden, for further recovery.

Ward is the pastor of Madden Church. They had been to the Evangelistic Conference in Meridian where Madden Church was recognized as having one of the growing Sunday Schools in Mississippi.

They are never alone who are accompanied by noble thoughts. — Philip Sidney

## Emmanuel Honors Perry

Emmanuel Church of Greenville honored M. E. Perry, retired Baptist minister, with a surprise birthday celebration on the night of January 28. During the worship service Perry preached on the subject, "When the Saints Go Marching In," and following the invitation, the pastor of Emmanuel, Hugh A. Martin, read a "This Is Your Life" summary about Perry.

Friends gave testimonies of his influence upon their lives, and Robert Perry, pastor of First Church, Raleigh, one of Perry's sons, spoke a few words in his father's honor.

Roy Raddin, pastor of Second Church, Greenville, where Perry was pastor for several years, led in the benediction.

A reception was held in honor of Perry. A cake in the form of a Bible, decorated with one of Perry's favorite scripture passages, had been prepared by Joe Wasson, one of Perry's long-time friends. A money tree was presented to Perry. Many friends, unable to attend, had sent cards and gifts.

Approximately 300 fellow church members and friends were in attendance. Nancy Perry, a granddaughter from New Orleans, was present, as were many other pastors and members of other churches in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry are active members of Emmanuel, and he is interim youth worker while the church seeks a full-time youth director.



Perry

## Uniform Lesson

### Christ, The Foundation

By Larry Kennedy  
First, Laurel  
I Cor. 3:10-20

A visitor to an institution for the mentally ill was surprised to observe one small man guarding over a hundred inmates. The small man was armed only with a small stick. The visitor quickly asked, "Do you ever fear that these disturbed people will get their heads together and devise a plan to attack you?"

"No," replied the guard, "these people are here because of their inability to get their heads together and work cooperatively." I really do not know if a psychiatrist would agree with that diagnosis; however, a quarreling church could be described as a congregation of sick people who refuse "to get their heads together and work cooperatively."

In the first century the Corinthian church was in turmoil and was having trouble getting "its head together." Several factions had appeared in the church giving allegiance to various personalities. The often heard slogan in the church was "I am of Paul," and "I am of Apollos," and "I am of Cephas," and "I am of Christ" (I Cor. 1:12).

As the body of Christ in Corinth, Paul attempted to remind the believers that everyone had a part in God's kingdom. According to Paul the foundation of the church was Christ, and each member was to have a part in building upon this foundation. However, he warned the Corinthians: "... But let each man be careful how he builds upon it" (I Cor. 3:10). Exactly how do we build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ? What must we do to see that the church grows according to God's plan?

I. Blocks of Precious Stone  
The church grows and Christ is honored when God's people build with blocks of precious stone. Paul said, "Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stone ... each man's work will become evident for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work" (I Cor. 3:12-13).

I believe the building blocks of silver, gold, and precious stone were described by Paul when he wrote, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

peace ... (Eph. 5:22). Love, joy, and peace are the building blocks that the Christian is to use in building the Body of Christ. These virtues are the precious stones of God's workers. Certainly these were the building blocks that were deeply needed in the congregation at Corinth.

A few years ago 1400 Chicagoans gathered together in the grand ballroom of a large hotel to honor Mrs. Dominic Salvino as mother of the year. She lived on Erie Street with a husband and four children. She was poor, but full of love for others. Every day she took the time to visit the sick, to do housework for the bedridden, and to offer a big smile to anyone who would look her way. To some she was the unofficial and untrained social worker of Erie Street. A few said she was God's guardian angel sent to spread the love of God. Certainly she was a lady who knew how to build with the precious blocks of love, joy, and peace.

#### II. Bodies of Holiness

The church grows and Christ is honored when church members view their bodies as temples of God's spirit. Paul wrote, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwells in you? ... the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are" (I Cor. 3:16-17).

At conversion a miracle takes place. The Holy Spirit of God comes to make his home in the life of the believer. It is God's way of reminding us that our bodies are important to him and that he desires to express himself through our bodies. Some church members at Corinth had become known for sexual immorality, drunkenness, emotionalism, worldly wisdom, and a few other maladies that brought shame to the name of Christ and his church. These folks had failed to comprehend that the human body is to be the temple of holiness. Their spiritual ignorance hampered the growth of God's people, and the church at Corinth looked more like a shack than a temple.

Red Stedman tells of a airline stewardess who was serving coffee to the various passengers on the plane. As she came down the aisle, a man made several vulgar remarks in her presence. She was deeply disturbed

and went to the back of the plane. She thought for a few moments and then went back and knelt beside the crude individual. Looking him in the eye, she said, "Sir, I know what you were trying to say to me. But there is something you need to understand. I am a Christian and my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." It is that kind of spirit that guarantees that the church will grow in God's likeness.

#### III. Boasting About Christ

The church grows and Christ is honored when God's people boast about the Living Christ. Paul warned, "So then let no one boast in men ..." (I Cor. 3:21). The church at Corinth was magnifying various preachers, and many of the church members were downgrading Paul. Very few people were magnifying Christ.

The minister dreamed he was hitched to a wagon and was slowly pulling it down the road. After a while he was able to move the wagon only a few inches. He was surprised because the last time he looked, the entire congregation had been pushing the wagon with great intensity. Going to the rear of the wagon to inspect the situation, he discovered that the church members had stopped pushing. They were all sitting in the wagon criticizing the pastor for not pulling the church faster. No doubt Paul had similar dreams about the Corinthian church which was heavy on criticism but weak on witnessing.

When pastor Martin Niemöller was released from a Nazi concentration camp, everyone expected him to discuss his years of trials; however, he presented the gospel of Jesus. One newspaper reported: "Six years in a Nazi prison camp and all Niemöller has got to talk about is Jesus Christ." May it be said of us that all we can boast about is Jesus Christ.

#### New Prospect

##### Doubles Goal

New Prospect Church's Lottie Moon offering goal was \$1200 and total offering was \$2,413.00. Mrs. Claude Wooten is WMU director. Ted Rushing is pastor. New Prospect is in Lincoln County, near Brookhaven.

## Life and Work Lesson

### Is Man Really Free?

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Romans 9:1 - 10:13

A pastor interviewed a young seminary graduate for a place on his church staff. Checking into his theology, he asked,

"What do you believe about election?"

"Oh," he replied eagerly, "I think everyone ought to have the right to vote!"

Romans 9 and 10 deal with the subject of God's election. Obviously, this is a problem for many people's theology. Perhaps we can help shed light on our understanding by dealing with five

## Hattiesburg Man Gives Scholarship

Bobby L. Chain, Hattiesburg businessman, has provided funds for an annual full scholarship at William Carey College. To be awarded to a student majoring in a field related to future full-time Christian work, the scholarship will be named in memory of Chain's mother, Grace Sellers Chain.

"I would like the scholarship to be for a person who is obviously dedicated to church-related work coming to William Carey College by recommendation of his or her pastor, a member of a Southern Baptist Church, and who has an ACT score of no less than 15," commented Chain.

Grace Sellers Chain was for many years a leader in Christian service throughout the area. As a member of Hattiesburg's First Church, she was especially active in Woman's Missionary Union.

In addition to the scholarship to be named in her honor, Mrs. Chain was memorialized by her son several years ago by the providing of a fountain in front of Thomas Fine Arts Building. "The fountain is being renovated at this time," said President Ralph Noonester, "and we are deeply grateful to the Chain family for their support of William Carey College."

questions that are either voiced or implied in this study.

#### 1) HAS GOD'S WORD FAILED? (9:6)

It looked that way to some. All the Jewish nation certainly was not chosen, and God was finished with Judaism. But the elect were never all the children of Abraham's flesh — after all, he sired eight children (Gen. 25). The elect came through Isaac, and then only through Jacob, not Esau. The faithful are called the children of the promise (vs. 8).

#### 2) IS GOD UNJUST? (9:14)

If He would select Isaac and leave Ishmael, Jacob and not Esau, some would criticize His election as arbitrary and unfair. Not so, says Paul. As God, He can do what He wishes with His creation. Such a trait we generally call the sovereignty of God. It simply means He is Lord overall. As potter, He molds the clay however it suits Him (verse 21).

#### 3) DOESN'T THIS MAKE FREEDOM MEANINGLESS? (9:19)

If God picks and chooses to suit His fancy, obviously man has no choice in the matter and shouldn't be held accountable for the result. Or so some reason.

Paul answers in three places. First, here in Chapter 9, he asserts the right of God to do what He pleases. Then, toward the end of the chapter he establishes that rejected Jews may blame only their lack of faith. That's the only way anyone has ever been refused by God.

Thirdly, the first thirteen verses of Chapter 10 underscore this point by a strong invitation to believe. The invitation is addressed in various places to:

—everyone who believes — verse 4  
—whoever believes in him — verse 11  
—all who call upon him — verse 12  
—whoever calls on the name of the Lord — verse 13

#### 4) WHY ARE ONLY A FEW JEWS SAVED? (9:30)

Because of a perennial problem of the Jews — no faith. Following Moses through the wilderness, facing Canaan before overwhelming odds, accepting and obeying the prophets, Israel constantly fought against God's purposes. The rejection of Jesus was the latest in a long string of faithless acts. (This

incidentally is a theme of Stephen's sermon to the Sanhedrin before being stoned to death. Acts 7.)

In stronger language, Paul says the Jews stumbled over Christ. He alone was the issue. This remains so today.

I recall a rabbi who reprimanded a Christian minister for publicly praying in the presence of the rabbi, "in Jesus' name, Amen." He saw this as an affront to his religion. The minister of course disagreed, and stated that only the name of Jesus gave him the right to pray. (As a footnote, the preacher concluded, "Tell you what I'll do, rabbi. Out of consideration to you, I'll never pray in Jesus' name, if out of consideration for me, you always will!")

As I say, the stumblingblock then and now is Jesus.

#### 5) WHAT DOES FAITH-RIGHTEOUSNESS SAY TO US? (10:6-10)

Those strange quotes and questions from Deuteronomy in verses 6 and 7 simply make the point that God accomplished the incarnation and the resurrection without any help from us, thank you. He doesn't need our works to make salvation and righteousness available. He provided it freely because through Christ, it is finished.

There are only two kinds of righteousness — faith - righteousness and works - righteousness. Faith - righteousness comes through believing on the Lord Jesus, accepting, trusting, and obeying Him.

Finally, my Brethren  
Reading 9:18 alone, one would quickly conclude that God selects some to eternal life and chooses others for hell. We must emphasize that such a picture of God is totally out of focus with John 3:16.

My friend, Dr. Charles Carter of Birmingham, has a good insight on this subject. Just as the sun melts butter and hardens clay — depending on the nature of the substance — so the presence of God's Spirit will bless one person and harden another. The difference is the presence of faith.

Election is important. God chose us. All have been called, and those accepting are His chosen. See Matthew 22:14.

But man is free to respond to God's call as He will. Accepting God's invitation freely, He then discovers the true freedom God intended all along.